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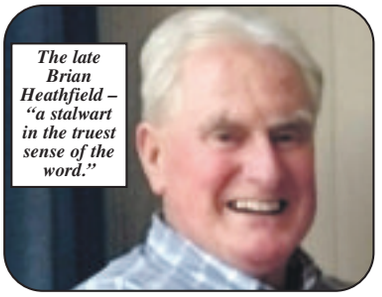
'YOU GAVE EVERYTHING YOU HAD FOR THE CLUB'

Fund is set up in memory of stalwart Brian



The late Brian Heathfield – "a stalwart in the truest sense of the word."

A 'Brian Heathfield Memorial Fund' has been set up, in memory of Barry Athletic Football Club stalwart Brian Heathfield who died recently. Funds raised will go towards the clubhouse and grounds.

On a tribute page to Brian (76) his pal Geoff Whittaker wrote:

"Brian, it was a pleasure to work alongside you for many years over at the Ath.

"You were a true stalwart of the club and gave everything you had to the football section.

"You will be sadly missed by all of us who had the pleasure to play and be with you. My thoughts are with Brenda, Adrian and Adele at this sad time. Rest in peace, mate."

by GEM REPORTER

Son Adrian Heathfield explained that setting up the fund was very apt, due to his father's strong emotional attachment to the club.

"As many people will know, Brian was a stalwart – in the truest sense of the word – of Barry Athletic Football Club (formerly Cadoxton Albion FC).

"He was a former player, secretary, chairman, barman, cleaner, groundsman, chip fryer and, more recently, a very proud president.

"Brian spent many hours 'over the club' marking, rolling and forking the pitch to get it ready for match days.

"He spent a lot of time and, on occasions, personally funded repairs and maintenance, and would constantly pull in favours of help from friends and relatives, to assist with emergencies.

"We know it would give Brian great comfort and satisfaction for him to know that he can still continue to contribute to what was his immense passion and hobby, even though,sadly, he is no longer with us.

"To say he will be greatly missed by all his family and friends, would be a huge understatement. and we have been totally overwhelmed by all the messages of support and tributes. Thank you.

"We're raising money to start the 'Brian Heathfield Memorial Fund @ Barry Athletic Football Club' to help with repairs and maintenance to the clubhouse and grounds."

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Barry remembers those who made the ultimate sacrifice

Remembrance Day in Barry was attended by thousands, with people of all generations, and from different organisations and walks of life, keen to pay their respects. There are more images on page 30.
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GREAT WAR: THE TRUE TOLL

WHILE I appreciate Alun Cairns MP's article about the sacrifice of those who fought for our country, I felt I should point out that his reference to the Battle of Mametz Wood in 1916 is not quite accurate.

Mr Cairns states that '4,000 Welsh soldiers were killed'. Happily, this is not the case. I think what he has done is to confuse the total casualties, killed, wounded and missing, with those who were actually killed.

The figures normally given for the battle are 602 killed, 585 wounded, and 2,806 missing, thankfully a much lower figure for those killed – although, doubtless, many of the missing were, in fact, dead.

I do think it is important that your readers are aware of the true figures: casualties in the First World War were bad enough without making them sound worse. In the whole battle of the Somme, from July to mid November 1916, the British Army lost about 120,000 killed and 300,000 wounded and missing.

To put this in context, it is as if everyone in the Vale of Glamorgan had been killed and nearly everyone in Cardiff had been wounded or vanished in four and a half months.

French losses are thought to be in the order of 200,000 and modern historians think German losses were about equal to those of the Allies.

And before people talk about World War One generals being 'butchers and blunderers' – in the three months fighting after D-Day until the German retreat, Allied losses were about 210,000 killed, wounded and missing.

As fewer troops were involved this is, proportionately, just as heavy as the Battle of the Somme. Perhaps the real lesson should be that people should only fight wars as a last resort.

Gavin Davies, Penmark.

Thank you to the town's volunteers!

THIS week I have been reminded, yet again, how lucky we are to live in this lovely area of the Vale.

The wonderful display of poppies in all our buildings has been better than ever and especially the poppies on our posts.

Each one tells a sad, yet inspiring, account of a local individual who gave up his life in war. The research and detail that makes them so moving has been done by Mr David Howells and the British Legion – so we thank you.

On Friday, November 4, the Cowbridge Rugby Club hosted their usual Bonfire night. A great deal of work in preparing for the festivities was followed next day by the clearing up! The most difficult part of this was to ensure that the pitch was clear of all the small pieces of debris from the rockets and removed so that it was safe for players. This was done by small band of workers, on hands and knees, over the whole pitch. Well done to them!

All the work above has been done by volunteers and there are numerous of examples of work done by volunteers throughout the town – the helpers in our charity shops, the people who do regular litter collecting, to mention just a few. They all make Cowbridge such a good place to live – so thank you to all volunteers!

Gwen Baty, Cowbridge.

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VOTE, VOTE, VOTE ...AND THEN OVERTURN IT!

IT was with a sense of relief that we have survived the week since the Gibbonsdown by-election without riots and mass protests at the result, as appears to be the norm following any vote in recent times.

We have seen this phenomenon in the UK when the Tories won the last election; and still we have the many and varied protests and legal challenges seeking to overturn the wishes of the 17 million voters who voted to leave the EU – with the likelihood of more to come.

America is now suffering this erosion of democracy, too, with the anti-Trump riots. Like him or loathe him, he was elected democratically.

This said, I'm now expecting to read in the next issue of The GEM that the richest person in Glamorgan has used their wealth to begin legal action to overturn the decision of the Gibbonsdown electorate. It seems to have been proven in the High Court that if you have enough money, you can make anything go away – from a speeding fine, to the democratic wishes of 17 million voters who want to leave the EU.

Gibbonsdown, it seems, has been Labour almost forever; which brings me to tribal voting: following the legal action by Gina Miller, MPs will be voting on triggering Article 50 to initiate Britain leaving the EU, rather than the elected Government (eventually) automatically actioning it.

This could result in a spring election, if the 450 MPs in Westminster overturn the wishes of 17 million voters.

I'm curious as to whether tribal voters, who have voted for their particular political colour all of their adult life, will vote for that colour, regardless of the candidate's stance on leaving the EU.

Or whether they will vote for a candidate, regardless of political colour, who has the same view on EU membership as themselves?

Ade Pitman, Barry.

How music can change young lives

THE lives of children living in deprived circumstances can be radically transformed – by teaching them how to play an orchestral instrument.

At our Churches Together in Cowbridge and District autumn lecture on October 28 in the United Free Church, the audience heard from Rev Jan Gould, a professional musician, about her project, *Making Music – Changing Lives*.

It was developed in Ely, inspired by the world-famous Venezuelan music programme 'El Sistema'.

Rev Gould, who is vicar of the Church of the Resurrection on Grand Avenue, Ely, gave an inspirational talk about her work which began in 2009, and the effect not only on the children participating, but their parents and the community, as well.

Rev Gould answered many questions at the end of her talk, and the audience, most impressed, donated a total of £70 towards her charity

Rosemary Samuel, *Chair, Churches Together in Cowbridge and District*.

Donations appeal for the refugees

I AM collecting coats and shoes for Oasis in Cardiff, an organisation that aims to help refugees and asylum seekers integrate into the local community.

If you are buying a new coat or jacket, perhaps you have an older one that could keep someone else warm for the winter? Strong shoes and trainers would also be very welcome, as would packs of socks, and warm hats and gloves.

Please place any donations in waterproof bags, and leave them at Ebenezer, Colhugh Street, Llantwit Major; or take them directly to Oasis, if you have a lot of items.

Please don't leave summer clothes, as there is limited storage space. Likewise, I can't take stained or worn-out clothes.

Annie Paine, Llantwit Major (Tel 07804 624795).

'THANK YOU'

I'M writing to thank Tim Chapman for covering the MoD and Ska fundraiser for the Teenage Cancer Trust on Saturday, September 16 at the Tramshed, Cardiff.

We were very proud of the write-ups and coverage in The GEM.

Thanks once again.

Karl Webb, Barry (*Promoter*).

The life you save might be YOURS!

SOME of your readers will know only too well that less than five per cent of people with pancreatic cancer in Wales will live for five years or mor,

November 17 is World Pancreatic Cancer Day and across the globe, 985 people will die of the disease today – around 24 of them in the United Kingdom.

I would like to invite all your readers to know the symptoms and help us spread the word about the disease, because in Wales, as across the rest of the world, we simply don't know enough about it.

Yet, if more people were aware of the potential symptoms – which include tummy pain that can spread to the back, significant and unexplained weight loss, yellow skin or eyes, or itchy skin, oily floating faeces and indigestion, more people in Wales could be diagnosed earlier.

And we know that the earlier people are diagnosed, the higher their chances of being able to have surgery, which could save their life.

Your readers can find out how to get involved in World Pancreatic Cancer Day at *www.worldpancreaticcancerday.org/getinvolved/*

Dianne Dobson, *Pancreatic Cancer UK nurse specialist*.

A cycle route without cyclists...

I AM writing, yet again, about the ridiculous way cycle routes in Barry are being constructed.

Most cyclists consider these routes to be obstacle courses; why is it so many still choose to ride on the main roads, instead of the provided cycle obstacle courses?

I took the attached photo on my way to work this morning, it is on a short stretch of pedestrian/cycle way on the new docks link to Barry Island.

Street furniture absolutely smack bang in the middle of the pavement, you can't even get a pushchair past this obstacle.

Our planners desperately need to visit some of our continental neighbours on a bike, so they can get a 'feel' for what a cycle route should look like – especially the Netherlands.

I have cycled many miles in Holland and find it an absolute pleasure. However, a trip through Barry is fraught with danger, having to constantly dismount and cross roads where the cyclists should have right of way.

On top of this, we have probably the worst cycle-aware drivers in Europe on our roads, so do need the protection of a decent cycle route.

Mr A Wright, Barry.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE

NOW that Donald Trump is President-elect, we have our special relationship with the United States back.

So let's leave the EU! There are a few politicians trying to pull us back in and having secret meetings with EU leaders.

Let the Europeans fight their wars with Russia and elsewhere. As a country, we've done enough fighting and have lost enough soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Let's move forward to a country of peace and prosperity. I think young people in the UK can look forward to a brighter future.

Nigel Lloyd, Barry.

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL NOVEMBER 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time AM	Ht M	Time PM	Ht M
17 Thur	07.59	10.5	20.28	10.4
18 Fri	08.47	10.1	21.12	9.9
19 Sat	09.33	9.6	22.01	9.3
20 Sun	10.25	9.0	22.54	8.6
21 Mon	11.22	8.4	23.55	8.2
22 Tues			12.28	8.1
23 Wed	01.09	7.9	13.45	8.0
24 Thur	02.24	8.1	14.53	8.3

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

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A Remembrance Day parade for Beaver, Cubs, Scouts & Explorers

THE 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group woke to a glorious day on Sunday, November 13 for the Rhoose Remembrance parade, when Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers joined other groups from Rhoose to march through the village to the service at the Community Centre.

Beavers and Cubs have recently enjoyed a joint night where a Beaver was invested into the Scout movement and four Beavers were invested into Cubs. The Beavers and Cubs enjoyed painting and colouring poppies and completing word searches.

Scouts successfully completed their Brecon Beacons expedition a couple of weeks ago and the group have enjoyed a Halloween party and a games night.

Scout post has now commenced. It is the group's biggest fundraising initiative and we would urge all residents of Rhoose and the surrounding villages to purchase their stamps locally, as that means the proceeds will go directly to 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group.

Stamps cost just 25p and Christmas cards can be delivered across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan. Stamps can be purchased from the following outlets in Rhoose – The Spar, Coffee Time, Chris Davies Estate Agents, Rhoose Pharmacy, Salon 100, Fontygary Leisure Park, also the Blue Anchor in Aberthaw, Six Bells in Penmark, Fox and Hounds in Llancarfan, Three Horseshoes in Moulton or from the Penkerry Scout Hut. The last posting day is December 5.

We would really appreciate your support with this fundraising event. The group will be sorting the post at Penkerry Scout Hut from Monday to Thursday, during the week commencing December 5 from 6pm and we would love to see you if you could spare some time to help.

If you have any queries about Scouts' post or the group in general, contact the Group Scout Leader at gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk.

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Autumn fayre in Dinas Powys

THE Parish of St Andrew's Major is holding its autumn fayre on Saturday, November 26 at the Parish and Lee Halls, Britway Road, Dinas Powys.

The fayre will be opened by Father Christmas at 2pm and children can then meet Father Christmas in his magical grotto – so come early!

Visitors to the fayre will have the opportunity to purchase high quality, hand-made gifts, cards and Christmas decorations, as well as goods from many other stalls.

Refreshments, including home-made cakes, will be served in the Lee Hall and the admission includes a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

The Rector of St Andrew's Major, the Rev Andrew James, told The GEM: "All proceeds from the fayre go to charity and this is the main charitable fund-raising activity of the parish.

"Last year, over £2,200 was raised and charities, both local and overseas, benefited from the hard work of the parishioners from the churches of St Andrew's, St Peter's and St Michael's. The charities receiving donations this year will be Marie Curie, Ty Hapus, The Amelia Trust and Dinas Powys Scouts and Guides."

Man rescued from dock

AT 11pm on Monday night, Barry Island Coastguard were called to help the police with a man threatening to jump into the docks at the Waterfront.

The man had entered the water, so two of the team immediately donned their water rescue suits, and assisted by colleagues, entered the docks to rescue him.

After swimming 15 metres from the shore, they reached the man who, due to the cold, was starting to dip under the water.

Coastguards, police officers and the Fire Service then pulled on the rescue lines to retrieve the three people from the water.

The man was wrapped up in blankets to wait for an ambulance. In the end, a police van took him to hospital.

GLADSTONE SCHOOLCHILDREN'S HARVEST FOR LOCAL FOODBANK

CHILDREN and staff at Gladstone Primary School held a special Harvest Festival recently, led by teacher Sarah Creasey with special guest Julie Pearce from the Vale Foodbank.

The children celebrated with poems and songs about harvest and Gladstone families showed their generosity by donating tinned and dried food, which was then transported to the Foodbank.

"We would like to thank all of our families who donated to this worthwhile cause, helping others in need," said Caroline Newman, headteacher.

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TELEGRAPH MAST ON MARINE DRIVE WILL BE 'BLOT ON LANDSCAPE'

ANYBODY in Barry who enjoys walking along the Marine Drive stretch of picturesque coastline should be aware of the imminent proposal to erect a 12.5 metre high telegraph mast with six antennae, two transmission dishes, two cabinets and ancillary developments.

The proposed blot on the landscape can only be objected to until the deadline of November 23, 2016 and the council will say yes or no by December 20.

Local residents have not been consulted in any way, only being made aware of this ludicrous plan via a small yellow sign apparently put up on Marine Drive around November 11.

There are also rumours of a temporary road being put in place there from Marine Drive.

It could be the start of a ruination of a beautiful part of Barry so much enjoyed by so many people for so many years. Shame on our council for even considering this proposal.

If anyone wishes to object or put their thoughts across the plan can be viewed at valeofglamorgan.gov.uk reference no. 2016/01274/PNT.

Objections can be made online or in writing to Victoria Robinson (operational development manager) at The Docks Offices, planning dept.

Another objection could be made to David Knevett from the leisure, parks and maintenance council department on 01446 700111, who own the land and intend leasing it out to Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Ltd (the applicants for Vodafone Ltd).

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THE MEN WHO BUILT BARRY

PART THREE: by LAURIE OWEN

JOSHUA PROUT (1869-unknown) was born in Chittlehampton, Devon but no details of his parents have been found because in the census of 1871, he was living with his nine-year-old sister Sarah and grandparents Richard and Ann.

He would stay in Devon for the next 20 years learning his trade as a carpenter and after marrying Emily Lewis in South Molton in 1894, they came to Barry knowing that his skills would be in demand, following the opening of the Docks in 1889.

They were living at 61 Tynewydd Road in the 1901 census with two year old son Arthur, who sadly would die just two years later.

Joshua was another young man with ambition and by 1897, as a builder/contractor and Secretary of the Master Builders' Association for several years, he had plans accepted to build six houses in Evelyn Street. He was presented with a handsome marble clock, supplied by F J Greener in 1899, for his sterling work in dealing with strikes and wage demands. That same year he received great praise from the local entrepreneur D L Evans for carrying out extensive alterations to his handsome new shop premises at 104/106 Holton Road.

When the refuse destructor was built, he secured the contract to erect the chimney for £1,805.

As the new century began, there was much debate about the need for a new Smallpox Hospital with major officials such as John Claxton Meggitt opposing the idea of spending around £10,000, even though the Glamorgan County Council would pay £2,000 and lend the balance. Unfortunately, for Joshua, although his tender of £8,160 had been accepted by a narrow vote, the whole issue was postponed for several years due to the differing opinions. It seems likely that when the idea was resurrected in 1905, the specifications had been amended, because all the tenders were now much lower and H S Rendell was successful with a bid of £3,792.

In October 1900, foundation stones were laid by Captain F Murrell and his grandson for the new English Congregational Chapel in Tynewydd Road. Joshua would carry out the initial work on the schoolroom and gallery for £1,500 with a fund set up to build the Chapel.

In 1901 he had plans passed to build eight houses in Court Road and convert 56 Newlands Street to a shop and he also built the 'Public Lavatory and Museum' on Barry island for £3,142.14s.7d, which included extra lavatories for the Ladies, added two years later. This building is still on the Island though in a bad condition.

In 1893 an iron Chapel was erected on the corner of Harbour Road and St. Nicholas Road, for the Bethel Baptist Church for £500. After several years, funds were sufficient to remove this early building and erect the fine church which is still in use today, at a final cost of £3,499, with the old chapel being sold for £100 to Weston Hill Baptists. Joshua was entrusted with the work which only took 11 months to complete and a bottle was placed in a wall with the names of members and a short history of the Church. It could seat 700 worshippers and 400 for Sunday School and on April 5, 1903 the opening service was conducted to a packed congregation.

On a personal note, in 1953 my class from Romilly Junior School would be taught by Mr.Alexander in the basement on the side of this building, as we prepared for our 11-plus exams.

Although little was found of Joshua's personal life, it was recorded that in 1901 he took about twenty of his workers on an outing to Weston by boat and then by 'brake' to Cheddar. He was also a keen visitor to the Horse Show at the Buttrills, often winning the 'best horse' competition.

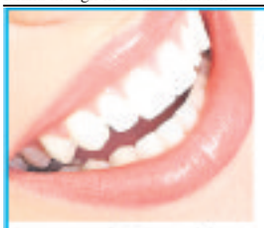
In 1891, land had been acquired for a chapel and schoolroom for the New Bible Christian Chapel, with an adjacent plot for a new building later. Then in 1904, Joshua secured the contract for £2,500 to erect a fine new building on the corner of Court Road and Crossways Street.

Sadly in 1906, there was a disastrous fire in his joinery works at 61 Tynewydd Road, which took four hours to control and not only destroyed the workshop but also damaged the rear of his house. Thankfully there were no personal injuries, but with the machinery and a large stock of timber, the total loss was over £2,000 and only partly covered by insurance.

Joshua had contributed to the growth of our town over many years, receiving favourable reports from satisfied clients, so it was a great shock to discover that in 1907, the whole of his estate was for sale and he was summoned to the Bankruptcy Court. As a deeply religious man, it must have been a great ordeal to be interrogated by the Official Receiver who asked "can you explain why the record book is burnt inside and the cover not scorched?"

This story was surely a stark warning to his fellow builders that you can erect fine buildings, but if the 'Books' are not properly managed, thereby lurks great danger.

On March 21, 1907, Joshua sailed on the *Oceanic* from Liverpool to New York, possibly alone, but Emily was with him on the 1910 US Federal Census.



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Three men who built Barry

BARRY reader Jane Underdown sent in the photograph taken on the site of All Saints Church.

"The man on the left I believe to be Nathaniel Rendell the man in the middle is my grandfather, Arthur Henry Heskett a stone mason by trade; he married into the Rendell family," she writes.

"The Rendell family donated to All Saints Church a stained glass window portraying Jesus in the carpenter's shop, situated in The Lady Chapel.

"William and Sarah Rendell had eight children, four boys and four girls."

Oak Field Primary pupils on their visit to Renishaw.

A day in design for Oak Field pupils

YEAR-5 and 6 at Oak Field Primary School recently spent a day at a leading engineering and scientific technlogy company, Renishaw Plc in Miskin.

The pupils spent the day in a 3D design and printing workshop, where they each had a laptop and used CAD software to design their key rings and robots which were then manufactured on 3D printers.

They had a factory tour and saw the electronics production facility, machine shop, metal 3D printing machine assembly area and mock operating theatre where neurosurgeons can practice using a range of neurological products.

The training facility has been set up for local schools, colleges and universities to use and includes a fully equipped workshop to inspire a new generation of engineers.

Oakfield is planning a return visit with its Year-6 pupils to make use of the workshop facilities.

A huge thank you to Simon and the staff at Renishaw for a fantastic day.

NICOLA DANIELSEN

SULLY WI MUST REMEMBER TO FILL SANTA'S SACK!

PRESIDENT Jean Dowding opened the November meeting of Sully Women's Institute and welcomed the members.

National and county business was discussed, and members were reminded that our next meeting will be the Christmas party on December 7. A present is needed for Santa's sack and carols will be sung after a buffet provided by the committee.

At the mid-month meeting on November 16 we will be making a bauble using felt, with Suzanne Morgan.

November's speaker was Eirlys Davies, who took us through the history of buttons, from the use of twigs and thorns in the beginning to the decorative ones of today.

It was a fascinating insight into the development of the making of buttons and how they have evolved over time. Eirlys brought some of her own collection for us to see.

The competition – for a large and a small button – was won by Chris Stephenson, and the raffle by Lindsey Burge.

Sully WI meets at The Old School in Sully at 7.15pm on the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Next year's membership begins on January 4, when Val Shields will be telling us about her childhood memories.

Anyone wanting more information, can contact Liz Marsh on 02920 530887.

Penny for your thoughts at the Royal Mint!

THE speaker at last week's meeting of the Barry Men's Forum held at Trinity Presbyterian church hall,was Mr Chris Baker, assistant Curator at the Royal Mint, Llantrisant.

He gave an interesting talk tracing the history of money, from the earliest times in Britain from 200BC. In the early days, it was not a form of money for trading, but produced by chieftains to demonstrate their wealth to others.

It was King Offa in 886 who produced the first silver penny, which was the only denomination, but valuable at the time. It was actually cut in half for the halfpenny and in quarters for the farthing, this name coming from the original 'Fourth Thing'.

He advised that it was in Charles II reign that the first mint was set up in the outer section of the Tower of London, where various workers were employed – although it was not a constant occupation, as coins were only made when gold and silver bullion became available, which was often plundered from Spanish ships or other countries. The guinea got its name from gold that came from Guinea in Africa.

The transfer of the Royal Mint from London to Llantrisant, Chris attributed to the decimalisation of UK's coinage. This required millions of new coins to be cast, and a new site for the Mint was required. The location was largely influenced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time, Cardiff MP, James Callaghan.

The next meeting is on the November 24, and Rosemary Scadden will be the speaker and her talk is entitled 'Across the Pond'.

New members are welcome at £2 per meeting, which includes light refreshments and starts at 10.15am. The Barry Men's Forum meets at Trinity Presbyterian church hall, every Thursday morning.

For further information, contact the chairman Mac Tanner on 01446 743455.

PMW

U3A learn more of Italian connection

ROMEO BASSINI returned to Sully U3A's November meeting to give the second part of his talk on the Italian Connection.

In September, Romeo told members how Italians had migrated to Wales in the late 19th and early 20th centuries and contributed to the local economy and culture by opening up cafes, ice cream parlours and fish and chip shops.

By the outbreak of World War Two they were settled into Welsh life, had married, and had children. However, on the outbreak of war the Government ordered that all aliens be arrested and interned and the Italian men in Wales were rounded up, along with others throughout Britain.

In 1940 the *Arandora Star* was carrying internees to Canada, when it was torpedoed off Ireland and of the more than 700 Italians on board, almost 500 died.

To mark the 70th anniversary, a memorial was unveiled in St David's Cathedral, Cardiff in 2010. Some Italians were sent to Australia and some to the Isle of Man. At the end of the war, most of the interned Italians returned but some stayed where they had resettled and the Italian population in Wales was far less.

However, the Italian economy was in a poor state and so Britain saw another migration of Italians, but this time working in building, mining and steel.

Many came to Wales, met and married local girls; their children went to local schools and went to university and ties with Italy became less strong, but there is still a sense of pride in their Italian heritage.

The descendants of these post-war Italians can be found in every sector of Welsh life today. Romeo was thanked by chairman Jean Bispham for bringing his story up to date.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, December 8 in The Old School, Sully at 1.30pm and this will be the Christmas social.

SUE COLMAN

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School pupils are excluded after violent footage is posted online

by GEM REPORTER

PUPILS were excluded from a Barry school after violent footage was posted online showing a schoolgirl being attacked.

The GEM understands the incident took place at the Buttrills Playing Fields in Barry on November 2.

Parents have been in touch with the Secretary of State for Wales and local MP Alun Cairns to express their concerns.

An investigation was launched by staff at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg who are also co-operating with the Vale Council and the school's governing body.

The headteacher, Hywel Price, issued a statement to parents, guardians and pupils in which he explained that staff had been collecting evidence on what had happened.

He said: "Following the appearance of mobile phone footage on various social media websites, which clearly shows two pupils from Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg assaulting another pupil from the school, I wish to make a very clear and concise statement to the whole school community.

"The school is fully aware of the incident and footage, and several members of staff have spent countless hours collating evidence from various sources, and collecting written statements from several pupils and meeting parents.

"Two pupils have received fixed term exclusions while the school conducts its investigation, in co-operation with the Vale Council and the governing body.

"A final decision will be taken on the matter on the conclusion of the investigation in due course. Please be assured that we are investigating the incident thoroughly."

Acting Chief Inspector, Robert Miles, said the incident was being treated "very seriously".

"We are aware of the video, showing an assault on a school pupil in Buttrills Playing Fields in Barry, which has been circulating on social media.

"I want to assure the public that the matter is being taken very seriously and that we are continuing to work closely with the school and the families of those concerned. Inquiries are ongoing."

Coun Lis Burnett, Vale cabinet member for education, said any disciplinary action would be a matter for the school.

"The Vale Council is supporting the school and its governing body while an investigation of the incident is being undertaken.

"Any further disciplinary action will be a matter for the headteacher and governing body. A counselling service is available to support any pupils impacted by the incident."

Secretary of State for Wales, Alun Cairns, MP for the Vale, told The GEM: "This sort of violence is shocking and has no place in Barry.

"I know I speak for a great many local people when I say that we are appalled, saddened and disappointed by the actions of local pupils in the videos that are now being seen across the UK.

"It does not reflect the behaviour of the overwhelming majority of young people in the town."

Dinas Powys villagers pay respects at the Cenotaph

Local Scouts were among the many organisations represented at Dinas Powys Cenotaph.

Police officer Emma Mudie was on hand to make sure everything went safely in the centre of Dinas Powys.

Alfie and his grandfather Roger Newberry were keen to pay their respects.

THE people of Dinas Powys attended the Cenotaph in the centre of the village on Remembrance Sunday, November13.

It was an opportunity for people of all generations to unite in paying tribute to people from Dinas Powys, and throughout the United Kingdom, who sacrificed their lives for our freedoms and democracy.

Club members on photo tour

THE October programme at Barry Camera Club started with a visit from husband and wife team, Roger Parry and his wife Judith, who gave a presentation of prints entitled 'Parry's Pictures'.

Both photographers are heavily committed to the hobby, acting as exhibitors, lecturers and judges throughout the UK and Europe. The evening commenced with a wide range of very high quality landscapes and travel shots, taken in many exotic locations.

Their main interest is in portraiture and especially fine art nude photography, which was of extremely high quality featuring very attractive models and never verged into the risqué; and while nude and figure photography is not really everybody's 'cup of tea', all members enjoyed the explanations and stories behind each picture.

On October 14, we welcomed Andy Beel with his presentation entitled 'Every Picture Tells A Story'. Andy is an established Lecturer on the photographic club and society circuit, who enjoys a reputation for producing thought-provoking monochrome work printed in a dark and gritty style.

He was kind enough to host a workshop, taking several of the members on a photographic visit to Barry Island, where he demonstrated his photographic style, featuring leading lines and low viewpoints, while those members present were encouraged to make their own images.

The first part of the evening was dedicated to Andy displaying his travel photography, with some stunning work taken in Spain and north Wales and demonstrating his lightroom techniques on some pictures taken under foggy conditions.

After coffee, Andy provided critiques and commentary on the work that had been created that afternoon by the members, which was very well received by all present.

The following week, Mike Cullis made his first ever visit to the club to present his talk entitled 'A Personal Journey'. Mike specialises in wildlife photography, especially birds. He explained how his passion developed from the age of 14, when he built his own hide in his garden to allow him to get close to his subjects unnoticed.

Since then, he has travelled extensively and showed pictures of birds and other wildlife taken in Florida, pictures of cheetahs, leopards and lions from the Masai Mara, and elephants from the skeleton coast of Namibia.

Once again, the month concluded with monthly competition night. This month, the judge was Dave Bennett, who gave a very fair appraisal of the work presented to him and congratulations go to all who gained success.

November features a three-way battle – with Merthyr Tydfil and Rhiwbina Camera clubs. Members will be presenting their efforts based on the subject of The Beatles' songs. We have Peter Young, chairman of the Welsh International Salon presenting this year's salon entries and, of course, our monthly competition will round off the month.

Throughout the rest of the year and into 2017, we have a full programme.

New members are particularly encouraged and will be made most welcome with a programme being prepared especially for the new and less experienced photographers to allow them to quickly gain more proficiency and satisfaction from their hobby.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday evening from 7pm to 9.30pm at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. For more information, visit our website www.barrycameraclub.co.uk.

Rhws children helped to create artwork under the stars..!

A PIECE of public art unveiled at Taylor Wimpey's Channel Heights in Rhoose was inspired by the coastal panoramic location.

Created by Cardiff-based artist David Mackie, the stone artwork takes the form of a viewing platform, doubling as a seating area and educational resource, and features bronze inlays representing the constellations such as a unicorn, a chameleon, a pair of compasses and a mariner's compass, as well as stars and planets.

At the ceremony to mark the unveiling of the artwork – which is located within the public play area at Channel Heights – were children from Rhws Primary School. Years 4 and 5 children from the school played a key role in the development of the project, at a workshop with the artist.

Sara Taylor, sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey South Wales, said:

"We are delighted to unveil this impressive public artwork at Channel Heights – it really makes the most of this beautiful coastal setting which lends itself to stargazing, and is a fantastic place to relax and also learn.

"I'd like to thank everyone involved in the project, particularly the artist David Mackie and the pupils at Rhws Primary School, for creating such a wonderful piece of ar.

"It which will inspire not only current residents, but also generations to come."

RHOOSE HISTORY SOCIETY TALK

THE Rhoose and District History Society is inviting people to a talk by Timothy Ryan on 'The Beachley to Aust Ferry'.

It is to be held on Friday, November 25 at 7.30pm in the rear hall of Rhoose Community Centre, Stewart Road. Adults £1, children 50p.

Following the talk, the committee will be holding its pre-Christmas buffet.

Raising funds in memory of Brian

(CONTINUEDFROM PAGE 1)

The fund's target is £1,000 and £770 has been raised so far. If people would like to donate, they can go to *www.justgiving.com* and put in a search for 'Brian Heathfield'. The direct link is: *www.justgiving.com/ crowdfunding/Brian-Heathfield-Memorial-Fund*.

A celebration of Brian's life is being arranged by The Vale Funeral Service, and will take place at All Saints Church, Park Road, Barry, next Wednesday, November 23 at 1.30pm, followed by burial at Barry Cemetery.

No floral tributes have been requested by the family but donations in lieu to the fund would be appreciated.

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Community paints mural vandalised three times

BARRY volunteers and local children have picked up their paintbrushes to re-paint a town centre mural which has been vandalised on three separate occasions.

The restoration work was organised by PCSO Rhiannon Cummings, who received donations from the Barry Round Table and the Drop in Centre Trust for the project to go ahead.

Over a period of three days community groups, charities, police officers, and Vale MP Alun Cairns, alongside local parents and children, carried out painstaking brush work to return the murals to their former glory.

Eileen Moore, the current chair of the Castleland Community Centre, was delighted to be able to help with the restoration.

She said: "It was lovely to see the whole of the community come out and help with this project.

"The works took place at Castleland Community Centre and we all enjoyed it.

"I just hope the murals are not damaged again after all our hard work."

Vale MP Alun Cairns spent a morning with the volunteers re-painting the mural and praised the organisers.

Mr Cairns said: "Rhiannon Cummings is a credit to the Police for arranging this project. It was a fantastic idea of hers and I am very pleased that the Barry Round Table and other groups donated to make it possible.

"It was truly wonderful to see local parents and children carefully re-painting the art works. Many of the brush strokes had to be quite fine and precise, I certainly had to concentrate while painting one of the boards.

"This sort of activity brings people together and demonstrates the good that there is Barry, the strong community spirit and selfless individuals. I am very impressed."

DINAS POWYS TAKES OVER THE COMMUNITY LIBRARY

PICTURED: Marianne Cowpe, Clare Richardson, Stuart Hockley, Carole Hockley, Joan Andrews and Mary Templing.

THE management of Dinas Powys Library has been formally transferred to Dinas Powys Library and Activity Centre, making it the third community library established in the Vale.

The transfer comes after it was announced earlier this year that the Vale Council was in discussion with community groups in five locations about taking over responsibility for running their local library.

The council has set aside £100,000 to help cover start-up costs and improvements to existing buildings for community groups taking on the responsibility of their libraries, and Dinas Powys will benefit from a share of this funding.

DPLAC will also receive on-going support from the Council in the form of IT access, book stock, other library resources and professional advice.

Coun Keith Hatton, who has been instrumental in the transfer, said: "The group of trustees and our volunteers have worked hard to achieve this transfer and should take a lot of the credit for continuing the library in Dinas Powys."

Coun Chris Franks, the chair of the Trustees of DPLAC, explained: "We still have many challenges ahead, but we have some ambitious plans for the future and hope that the library will become a community hub for the people of Dinas Powys."

Painting group grieves passing of a founder

SULLY Painting Group (SPG) has announced the passing of its life president, George Payne of Sully, just days before reaching his 90th birthday.

He was one of only two founding members left of the group, which was set up in 1979.

Mr Payne was a committee member of the group since its foundation, most recently as vice chairman. In October of this year he was elected life president at the AGM in recognition of his valuable contribution to the group.

He was a very active member of the group attending most Tuesdays and painted a wide range of topics – mostly in acrylic – and exhibited his paintings at the annual summer exhibition.

SPG was due to hold a surprise 90th birthday party for him, but instead held a celebration in his memory. He will be sadly missed by his fellow members who will remember him as a kind gentleman who went out of his way to welcome new members to the group.

Year-7 make 'great progress' at Barry Comprehensive School

Photos by Liam Kenny

BARRY Comprehensive School's year-7 students worked extra hard preparing to welcome their parents/carers and families to the recent 'Pupil Progress Evening'.

The boys made individual presentations about their learning to demonstrate the progress that they have made since joining the school in September. The students focused on English and maths, plus a subject of their choice.

Parental involvement in learning is vital in ensuring students achieve at their highest level. Parents were asked to note targets for improvement and encouraged to make use of the support materials that were available to help the whole family join in.

As part of the school's on-going drive to raise standards, the evening was evaluated with a parent questionnaire with the feedback being extremely positive about the learning achieved already this term. Parents also commented on the advice given on the night so parents themselves could help with their son's literacy and numeracy at home.

Some of the many positive comments are below: "Really pleased with the teachers and were really happy with our son's progress."

"I feel Sam has settled really well into year-7. He's very happy and confident in his learning. Looking forward to good results."

"Harri is very confident and enjoys coming to school. I am very happy with his progress so far."

"Very productive evening, we are clear how we can help Drew at home to improve on his education."

"I'm very proud of Ross, he seems to be working hard in year-7 and also enjoying himself at Barry Comp. I hope he continues to work hard."

"I'm very pleased with my son's progress and his confidence has boosted since September. The school has been excellent for him and staff have guided him in every opportunity."

Couple win luxury Big Apple trip

The Jordans celebrate their win.

A BARRY couple are jetting off to the Big Apple – after winning a Leisuretime competition.

Mr and Mrs Jordan are set to take off on their first visit to America after winning the trip back in March.

The competition was launched to coincide with Leisuretime's launch of its global holiday offering by air, and will surround the lucky winners in luxury. They will be chauffeur-driven to Heathrow Airport, before boarding the plane where they will be flying Business Class with British Airways.

"Once they touch down, they will be staying in a stunning hotel just minutes from the world-famous Times Square, so will be excellently located to explore all the famous city has to offer," said Ceri Johnson, director.

The company, a leading supporter of local charities, this year is supporting local children's hospice, Ty Hafan. As well as undertaking fundraising activities, it has also provided trips for the children to Disneyland Paris, Christmas markets and various theme parks around the UK.

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GILL TACKLES CARDIFF HALF MARATHON IN MEMORY OF A FRIEND

Gill Evans (right) ran for her friend, Jill, and for Marie Curie's work in hospices.

AS Gill Evans puts it: "When I was training for the half marathon, I could hear her little laugh in my ear. It spurred me on."

That's how Gill Evans tackled the Cardiff Half Marathon last month – something she had been aiming to take on for a number of years.

And after seeing the care her friend of 30 years received from Marie Curie Nurses at the Cardiff and Vale Hospice, Penarth, before she died, she knew what cause she wanted to raise money for.

Marie Curie hospices provide round-the-clock expert care and support for those living with terminal illness and their families.

"Jill was born with cerebral palsy and battled against the odds all her life, but she enjoyed life to the full," said Gill, from Penarth.

"She was just amazing really, anything that people said to her you can't do, she would say 'that's me, I've got to have a go at that'.

Jill became ill and started to receive care from Marie Curie nurses at home earlier this year, before she went into the Penarth hospice, where she died.

Gill said she had always wanted to do the Cardiff Half Marathon, and kept promising to do so before her 60th birthday.

"A mate of mine used to keep texting me saying 'not long now', so I said I would do it this year.

"It turned out I could then help Marie Curie."

She described her fundraising total as "incredible" and said she felt a real buzz on the day.

"It was amazing, I really enjoyed it and it was for such a good cause as well, because it's local and you never know when you may need the help yourself."

When Penarth Leisure Centre instructor Ed Halls heard the cause Gill was running for, he decided to also raise money for Marie Curie.

"I'd already signed up for the half marathon when I found out who Gill was running for, and decided I would help raise money for Marie Curie too, because it's a great cause with all the help people get."

Together, the pair raised more than £1,355.

A stroll on the Wales Coastal Path

ON Sunday, November 13, 26 Vale of Glamorgan Ramblers walked from Caldicot Castle, taking the Wales coastal path to St Pierre, then returning on an inland route – 11 miles in total.

We also had a shorter walk of about seven miles in the same area. We had beautiful weather for our Remembrance Sunday walk and enjoyed magnificent views over the Severn Estuary, with both bridges looking striking in the November sunshine.

We observed a minute's silence on the coastal path, led by John Moore, reflecting on all who gave their lives for our future.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for a lovely walk with great company.

JB

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Vale Council hands over £1,000 cheque to the Rotary Club

PICTURED – back row: Billy Hunter, council highways team; Middle row, left to right): Jon Launchbury, council highways engineer; Emma Reed, head of visible services; Sarah Jones and Nia Hollins, the council's Barry Island resort management team; Phil Hunt, Rotary Club. Front row, left to right: Peter Battle, Rotary Club, Coun Gwyn John; Robin Pitcher, Rotary Club president; Julian Delaney, Rotary Club.

THE Vale Council has handed over a cheque for £1,000 to Barry Rotary Club, from car park revenue generated on the night of Barry Island's Fireworks Fiesta.

Coun Gwyn John presented the cheque to Rotary Club president Robin Pitcher. It is hoped that the Rotary Club raised more than £5,000 for charity at the event.

Coun John, cabinet member for visible, leisure and regulatory services, said: "The Vale Council is delighted to make this donation to the Rotary Club, taken from car parking revenue generated on the night of last weekend's Fireworks Fiesta on Barry Island.

"This sum is in addition to the £4,500 worth of funding the council provided for the event, made up of a £1,500 grant plus £3,000 worth of resources to organise road closures, provide stewarding and arrange traffic management.

"The Rotary Club does so much fantastic work in the local community, and we hope that this donation can help that continue."

Rotary Club president Robin Pitcher said: "The weather was really with us on the night and contributed to what was a splendid evening, thanks in part to the support we receive from the Vale of Glamorgan and Town Councils.

"We have yet to establish exactly how much money was generated from the Fireworks Fiesta, but we hope it will be a similar sum to previous years, which we will use on charitable spending."

Echoes of the War... A Week of Remembrance across the Vale

ASSEMBLY NOTES

by VALE AM JANE HUTT
(Leader of the House)

THE crowds of people who joined the Remembrance ceremonies and services across the Vale were larger than ever this year as we commemorated the centenary of the Battle of the Somme.

A total of 120 pupils from Barry schools took part in a ceremony at 11am on November 11 at the Barry Cemetery, laying their wooden crosses alongside wreaths, as we laid our wreaths at the Merchant Seamen Memorial, led by Coun Stuart Egan, the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Either processing with us in Barry from King's Square to the Merchant Seamen Memorial at the Civic Offices and then to the Cenotaph at the Memorial Hall, or joining events in towns and villages across the Vale, the people who joined in were clearly moved by the shared moments of silence as we joined the Royal British Legion call – '*We Will Remember Them*.'

In a packed Memorial Hall, Father Ben Andrews led the service and we took part in an Act of Commitment: *'Will you strive for all that makes for peace?*

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?'

Our response to each statement was –'*We will*.'

On Saturday night, I attended the 70th anniversary production of the Cowbridge Amateur Dramatic Society *'Echoes of the War'*, by JM Barrie, at the Market Theatre in Cowbridge.

This was a very moving production made up of two of four short stories by JM Barrie, first published in 1918, reflecting on the effect The Great War had on the families at home.

'The Old Lady Shows her Medals' and 'A Well Remembered Voice', were beautifully acted by members of CADS, directed by Peg Foster and Caron Reidy.

I thanked them all for staging this as part of the commemorations this year.

The performance on Friday raised funds for the Royal British Legion - of which I am a member - that organises the Great Poppy Appeal year after year, with their volunteers working flat out during the Remembrance period.

Thank you also to Roy and Teresa Goodwin for supplying my wreaths and poppies.

In his statement to the Assembly last week, we had the opportunity to hear from cabinet secretary, Carl Sargeant AM, on his work to coordinate policy action across the Welsh Government to support veterans.

Rebecca Evans AM, minister for social services and public health, also announced on October 18 that from April 2017, a full disregard of the War Disablement Pensions (WDP) would be introduced in all local authority financial assessments for charging for social care.

I have also been engaging with the volunteers who are refurbishing, through voluntary effort, Woody's Lodge at HMS Cambria, with a visit planned to see their work to provide a place where veterans from all the Services can meet and support each other. Open from 9am to 3pm, on Mondays to Thursdays, this new centre will be featured at an event I am hosting at the Assembly in January, which Carl Sargeant is attending.

Woody's Lodge has developed out of the veterans' social group Group 617 and is also supported by the Armed Services Covenant, which the Vale Council convenes with CounAnthony Powell as the champion for veterans.

This week also saw the poignant event *'Light up for Lesley'* when family, friends and supporters of Barry ovarian cancer campaigner, Lesley Woolcock, staged a candlelight awareness event, on what would have been her 48th birthday on Tuesday (November 15), at the Merthyr Dyfan Chapel at Barry Cemetery.

Thank you, Lesley, for your courage and bravery.

Penarth project 'to care for the carers'

CARERS who helped design and develop a resource for people with caring responsibilities were celebrated when Rebecca Evans, minister for social services and public health, launched the Marie Curie Taking Care/Cymryd Gofal project at Penarth Pier Pavilion.

"I commend both the Marie Curie charity and the carers of loved ones living with a terminal illness in developing Taking Care/Cymryd Gofal," she said.

"By developing a resource which recognises the practical, physical, and emotional demands of the caring role, they have provided a tool which can empower family and friends to deal with these demands – while continuing to support loved ones when they need it most."

Taking Care/Cymryd Gofal is part of a three-year Caring for Carers project taking place at Marie Curie, funded by Big Lottery Fund.

Taking Care/Cymryd Gofal – available in both Welsh and English – provides carers with information and support that will help them to manage the practical, physical and emotional demands of their role.

Following the launch, the project team will be working with carers and a range of groups supporting carers together with Marie Curie Nursing Service and hospices to evaluate its use and benefits, looking at how individual sites use the resource for different circumstances and how it directly benefits carers.

Initially, this will include up to 30 different individuals, groups and organisations – including the Marie Curie Cardiff and Vale hospice, Bridgend Carers' Centre and a community hub in Newport, Pembrokeshire – with the outcomes to inform the final distribution of the resource at the end of the Marie Curie Caring for Carers' project in spring 2017.

The intention is to distribute 300 free copies of the resource across Wales at the end of the project.

CRAFT FAIR DOES WELL

THE Craft Fair at Trinity Methodist Church, Penarth, on November 12, was once again a huge success.

With over 20 stalls displaying a wide selection of locally made crafts, the ever popular baked goods stall, and many other items, the amazing sum of £600 was raised.

This time, the charities to benefit were chosen by Gill ans Ceri Street – Crohn's and Colitis UK and Epilepsy Action.

As always, our grateful thanks go to all the hard workers on the day, the donors of goods and raffle prizes, crafters who shared demonstrations of their work and of course everyone who came and supported the event. Thank you again Ceri-Lou and Ro Newman.

Ceri-Lou Newman
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VALE PEOPLE FIRST GET HEALTH AWARD

VALE People First 'Real Lives' members were commissioned by Public Health Wales to produce the cover of its annual quality statement.

They had to show what makes their community a happy one, what's important to them.

Here they are (above) with the certificates awarded to them by Public Health Wales at their 2016 AGM held in Merthyr Tydfil.

Ian Swannick and Kelly Anne Rideout had the chance to talk to the audience and tell people what Vale People First stands for, having a voice, being valued members of their community, rights for people with a learning disability. They "look forward" to working with Public Health Wales again.

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Age shall not weary them...

ABOVE: Veteran Joe Norton and young Beaver, Cole Thomas, out selling poppies. RIGHT: Stan Smith.

JOE NORTON, who was 90 in May, was this year's Barry branch oldest Poppy seller and a World War Two Merchant Navy veteran.

Cole is just six years old and is 2/4 Barry Scouts' youngest Beaver. He collected for the Poppy Appeal for the very first time.

They are pictured Poppy selling together in Morrison's .

Stan Smith was 90 in July is shown collecting (second picture) for the Poppy Appeal with Cole Thomas aged six, who is a Beaver from 11th Barry Sea Scouts, and Stan was recently found to be Barry's oldest known Scout, and has been invested in 11th Barry.

He has been collecting for the Poppy Appeal for 25 years.

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Dinas Powys production

DINAS POWYS Players present *Season's Greetings* at The Parish Hall, Dinas Powys today (Thursday, November 17) and Friday, November 18 at 7.30pm.

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Call for 'service pupil premium' to match English offer to Forces

CONSERVATIVES have called on the Welsh Labour Government to bring forward additional support for the children of Armed Forces' parents in Wales.

In England, they said, all children of serving members of the Armed Forces qualify for the service pupil premium, but not in Wales.

The Welsh Government had refuted the need for additional measures, claiming that Forces' children would qualify for support through mainstream funding streams – where eligible.

The issue arose during a session of the Assembly's children, young people and education committee when leader of the Welsh Conservatives, Andrew RT Davies, deputised for his party's education spokesman, Darren Millar.

Mr Davies argued that additional, targeted support was needed to support Armed Forces children.

He said: "The health and education of Armed Forces' children can be profoundly affected by the disruption which occurs when parents serve in the county.

"Having a parent who is regularly away, can be extremely difficult for young people, on top of the impact of regularly changing schools and moving home. There are also the most serious challenges that can arise in the event of bereavement or injury.

"That's why we need to ensure that all devolved levers are utilised to offer the necessary support.

"It's clear that we have a long way to go to redress the disadvantages faced by this section of the community, and the introduction of a scheme similar to the service pupil premium would be a step in the right direction for Welsh service families."

Assembly considering smoking ban outside schools and hospitals

A Welsh Assembly committee is looking at a proposed law which could see smoking banned in schools, hospital grounds, and playgrounds.

It could also see the introduction of a licensing system for acupuncture, body piercing and tattoo businesses.

The Public Health (Wales) Bill could, among other things:

• Provide an enhanced role for pharmacies in communities;

• Compel local councils to have a strategy for public toilets in their areas based on local need;

• Create a national register of tobacco and nicotine product retailers;

• Ban intimate piercing of persons under the age of 16-years-old.

At stage one of the Assembly's law-making process, the health, social care and sport committee will consider whether the Bill is necessary, whether its objectives can be achieved through already existing legislation, and whether it will achieve intended objectives.

It has opened a consultation and is calling for people to "have their say".

The committee's predecessor in the Fourth Assembly considered a similar Bill which was not passed. However, the main controversial element of that Bill, a proposed ban on the use of e-cigarettes or vaping in public places, has been removed.

"This Bill is very similar to one which was considered during the previous Assembly," said Dai Lloyd AM, Chair of the health, social care and sport committee.

"However, that is not to say they are identical and that the work has already been done.

"It is a broad-range Bill, affecting many aspects of life from smoking, to pharmacy services, public conveniences, acupuncture, piercings and tattoos.

"We would like people to consider this Bill anew and tell us whether they think it is necessary and whether it will do what it says it will."

Submissions of evidence should arrive by December 16.

Anyone wishing to submit evidence, should send an electronic copy of the submission to: seneddhealth@assembly.wales.

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Network Rail tells of temporary closure of level crossings

VALE residents have been invited to drop-in events – to learn more about temporary level crossing closures planned over the festive season – as work to deliver Network Rail's Railway Upgrade Plan continues.

The final phase of the £300m Cardiff area signalling renewal scheme – the biggest remodelling and resignalling project in Wales ever – will be fully commissioned over this Christmas and New Year.

The 'congestion-busting' scheme will help deliver a more reliable railway across the Cardiff and Valleys network as Network Rail prepares the railway for the arrival of a new fleet of 'bigger, faster and greener' electric trains.

Some of the existing signal boxes will be closed and all signalling transferred to the Wales route operations centre in Cardiff.

To fully commission the scheme, some sections of the railway need to be closed for a short period to test all of the new equipment.

Temporary planned closures of five level crossings west of Cardiff will all begin at 10pm on December 24. Level crossings closed are St Fagans 8am on December 27; St Georges, 5am on January 4; Pontsarn, 8am on December 29; Llantrisant West, 8am on December 29; Rhoose, 8am on December 26.

Residents were invited to attend a drop-in event at St Fagans Village Hall on November 15 and again at Peterston-super-Ely Church and Community Hall today (Thursday, November 17) from 3pm until 6pm.

Network Rail will be on hand to provide information on this upgrade work and to answer any questions – no appointment is necessary.

During this essential final phase of the project there will be no train services late on Christmas Eve between Cardiff Central, Bridgend, Newport and the Valleys.

There will be bus replacements and service alterations in place between Cardiff Central, Bridgend, Newport and the Valleys from December 27 until January 3

Christian Irwin, programme manager for Network Rail Wales, said: "This is the final phase of the highly complex project to re-signal the railway in the Cardiff area as part of our Railway Upgrade Plan, which will modernise the signalling system in South Wales allowing more services to run along the railway, resulting in an increase in passenger capacity, particularly at peak times.

"As part of this project we have replaced ageing signalling equipment, enhanced track layouts, built new platforms and improved stations.

"We would like to thank the general public and rail passengers for their patience and understanding while we complete this essential final phase of this major upgrade project."

If you have any questions or concerns, telephone our 24-hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41 or email crwales@networkrail.co.uk.

Ramblers visit Adelina's castle

A PARTY of 10 walkers joined John R from Penarth and District Ramblers for a trip down west to Craig y Nos Country Park, where the castle was once owned by the famous opera diva Adelina Patti, a shrewd businesswoman, actress and singer who moved in high circles of Victorian society.

Craig y Nos, meaning Rock of the Night, captivated her and she spent the rest of her life there entertaining international figures including Edward VII.

In 1921, the castle and grounds became a hospital and served wounded patients during World War Two before its closure in 1986, and it is now run as a hotel.

On a glorious sunny morning, the group set out walking past the National Showcaves Centre at Dan yr Ogof to join a bridleway climbing north west through an area dotted with shakeholes, formed when surface water washes the top layer of boulder clay into cracks in the limestone rock underneath causing deep depressions in the landscape.

Taking advantage of one of the depressions in order to shelter from the blustery north wind, a break for morning coffee and Mike's delicious home baked cake followed.

Continuing uphill for several miles while crossing several fords, where fortunately, the water was fairly low, and climbing the flank of the escarpment to join part of the long distance Beacon's Way, they enjoyed a stop for lunch while soaking up the last of the sunshine.

Then, reaching the ridgeway at Bannau Sir Gaer and tramping to Picws Du, which at 749m is the second highest peak in the Carmarthen Fans on the Black Mountain in the western end of the Brecon Beacons National Park, a strong cold northerly wind hit them face on as skies darkened. In varied light caused by showers in some places and sunshine in others, the long distance views took on a dramatic effect towards Carreg Cennen Castle to the west and Swansea Bay in the south.

Taking the shortest route to the summit of Fan Brycheiniog at 802m the highest point, and after being battered about by strong winds, the plan to walk along the ridgeway of Fan Hir soon faded and instead the group dropped steeply down to Llyn y Fan Fawr. Stopping for a refreshment break and a second round of cake from John, the Beacons Way led them back down the valley and during their long descent the winds eased and the sky began to clear by the time they reached their cars.

On November 19, meet at 8.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre at 8am for an 11-mile hard walk from Mountain Ash, taking in Aberfan to remember the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster and back via Mynydd Merthyr; contact Rachel on 01446 410545..

Wear suitable clothing, preferably boots and carry waterproofs, food and drinks. Some degree of fitness is required and if you are in any doubt, then please contact the walk leader for advice. Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

CYLCH MEITHRIN FAIR

Cylch Meithrin, Llanilltud Fawr will hold their winter fair on Saturday, November 19 from 11am – 1pm at Llantwit Major Rugby Club.

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ST NICHOLAS SCHOOL HONOURS THE FALLEN

ON Wednesday, November 9, Class 4 at St Nicholas C/W Primary School had the honour of representing the children of Wales at the national service to open the Cardiff Field of Remembrance.

The Royal British Legion had arranged a special plot for the school to plant crosses with their own personal messages and then participate in the service of Remembrance.

Violet Shelbourne (year-5 councillor) added: "I wrote a special message on my cross to my granddad who was a prisoner of war."

Lucy Bevan (year-6 councillor) summed up the importance of the day by stating: "We have Remembrance Day to remember all the soldiers who died in World War One, World War Two and any wars since, we will never forget them and their memory will live on for a long time."

The children listened respectfully throughout the service. They were visibly moved by the reading of the poem *Mametz Wood* by First Minister Carwyn Jones, the blessing from Canon Stuart Lisk and singing *Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau* and *The National Anthem* from the Military Wives Choir and British Imperial Military Band.

Taya Griffith, a year-5 councillor said: "I loved listening to the Military Wives Choir; they sounded so graceful and really made me think of all the soldiers who have fought in past wars and their courage to give us our freedom."

Some children and our teacher were interviewed by Wales online and by reporter Nick Pallit from BBC Wales. This gave them the opportunity to thank all the brave soldiers and reflect on their own personal experiences. On Friday, November 11, Class 4 shared the importance of remembrance with the rest of the school, explaining the importance of the British Legion and the poppy.

The whole school then gathered around the village memorial for a reading from the poem *For the Fallen*, the playing of *Last Post*, and the Silence, which was impeccably observed.

The children of St Nicholas will always remember the brave soldiers that fight for our freedom.

Report written by school councillors Lucy Bevan, Sofia Pritchard, Taya Griffith and Violet Shelbourne and Jason Downey.

Flu spray for tots

CHILDREN aged between two and seven across Cardiff and the Vale are being vaccinated against influenza in time for winter.

As the weather turns colder, parents are being urged to get their children protected with a nasal spray to avoid catching the potentially dangerous virus. The spray is safe and pain-free.

While flu is not yet circulating widely, some cases are already being reported in Wales, making this the ideal time to get the vaccine.

Two and three year olds, and four year olds not yet in school, can get the nasal spray from their GP.

Children can only receive the vaccine if their parents have returned a consent form to the school. It is vital that parents remember to give consent.

There is a higher risk of serious illness from 'flu among children, compared with healthy adults.

Consultant in Public Health Medicine, Dr Tom Porter, said: "We know that children are good at spreading bugs around, especially when they mix with other children.

"Although parents are used to children picking up minor illnesses from time to time, flu can be a more serious and potentially life-threatening condition, so it is well worth taking up the offer of the nasal spray to help protect your child."

The programme runs in schools until December, by which time around 36,000 children in Cardiff and Vale will have been offered the vaccine.

Bazaar

A CHRISTMAS bazaar will be held in the All Saints' Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth on Saturday, November 19 from 10am – 12pm. Entry £1, plenty of cakes, gifts, books and more. All proceeds to charity.

Big Screen

BIG Screen's next film for this season is Florence Foster Jenkins (Cert PG) on Thursday, November 24 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall.

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Citizens Advice makes elderly Pension Wise

CITIZENS Advice, Cardiff and Vale, has welcomed new independent figures which show the success of Pension Wise, that the local charity delivers across the area.

"An Ipsos Mori survey of nearly 2,000 Pension Wise customers across the UK revealed that 85% of people said that the guidance they received means they now have a better understanding of their pension options," a spokesman said.

Nearly nine in 10 (89 per cent) of those who have an appointment go on to take further action on their pension saving.

Following the pension reforms in April 2015, people approaching retirement have greater freedom over how they can use their pension pots. With a number of options available, people are now able to take a lump sum, take out an annuity or a mixture of both.

Big Volunteering Fayre

GLAMORGAN Voluntary Services (GVS) will be hosting The BIG Volunteering Fayre on Wednesday, January 18 from 11 am – 4pm at Barry Memorial Hall.

The BIG Volunteering Fayre is an ideal opportunity to showcase your charity and community group to promote volunteering opportunities, to recruit more volunteers and for organisations needing extra support.

If you represent an organisation and would like to attend the volunteering fayre and book a stall, telephone 01446 741706, email: enquiries@gvs.wales, or visit www.gvs.wales.

Valeways walks

ON Wednesday, November 23 at 10am, 'Afon Elai a Bae Cerdydd/Ely river and Cardiff Bay', starting at Gorsaf Reilffordd, Cogan CF64 2NS.

At 10.30am on November 23, the Cosmeston Coffee Shop Strollers meet outside the visitor centre, Cosmeston Country Park.

Also on Wednesday, November 23 at 2.30pm, the Llantwit Major Coffee Shop strollers meet at Llantwit Major Town Hall car park.

On Sunday, November 27 at 2pm, Santa ai' geirw/Santa's in town at Eglwys St John Baptist, Llanblethian.

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MP ATTENDS LESOTHO LUNCH

Stephen Doughty MP with Keith Howells, Nigel Gibbs, Rosemary and Jeremy Dix, trustees of PADLT at the final Lesotho Lunch.

THE series of six 'Lesotho Lunches' ended on Friday with the visit of the Patron of the Penarth and District Lesotho Trust (PADLT) to Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall.

The purpose of the lunches was to raise money to support the poor subsistence farmers of Lesotho who rely on their traditional farming methods for food.

The six lunches plus generous donations have resulted in a fine total of £2,900 being raised by the effectiveness of the work of the churches of Penarth. A rota was created with churches working together to provide the soups, bread, butter and cheese in the one location.

The money raised will be sent to the churches of Lesotho who will, in the most effective way, distribute the money to the villages where there is the greatest need.

This process of distribution was suggested by PADLT which supports the TY Academy in Tayataneng while considering the situation of orphans in the same area being looked after by Father Augustine in the St Cecilia Orphanage.

The next event of PADLT is in Stanwell Road Baptist Church Hall with the Christmas craft fair on Saturday, November 26 from 10am to 12noon. All are welcome.

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'Restore regeneration status for Barry'

WELSH Conservatives have repeated calls for Barry to regain its regeneration funding.

"The town contains some of the most deprived areas of the UK, but has been overlooked for funding since it lost its status as a regeneration area in 2013," a spokesperson said.

South Wales Central regional AM Andrew RT Davies stated the Welsh Government should refocus its efforts on ensuring Barry gets the attention it needs: "Barry is an area that has huge potential, but it will never be realised if it is not given assistance.

"When the town lost its regeneration status, the Welsh Government claimed it was part of an attempt to better focus resources, but recent examples of waste across the board show they are far away from achieving that.

"The town includes some areas of huge deprivation and we have a duty to work together to turn this around. Restoring its regeneration status would be a good starting point and would be the springboard to a successful future," Mr Davies concluded.

Tackling fouling with 'HandiPODs'

HandiPODs at the ready! Imogen Stratton-Ross with her dog Frank; Adam Harvey of HandiPODs; and Stephen Abdulla, the local council compliance enforcement officer.

A LLANDOW pet product business has teamed up with the Vale Council to help tackle dog fouling in Barry.

HandiPOD, makes and distributes all-in-one dog poop bag and hand sanitizers across the world and is partnering the council's enforcement team to encourage more dog owners to pick up after their pets.

Both teams took to Barry Island over the weekend, offering dog walkers free HandiPODs, and ensuring the beach and promenade stayed clear of dog mess.

"Dog fouling is an issue in Barry, as it is right across the UK," said Adam Harvey, of HandiPOD (which is made by Llandow-based pet company Magnet & Steel).

"Dog mess is dangerous and unpleasant and it is completely unnecessary that it litters our pavements and beaches.

"We want to use our innovative local product to first tackle the problem closest to home and encourage more people to clean up after their dogs.

"We were delighted that the Vale of Glamorgan Council agreed to lead the way in the battle against dog fouling by joining forces with us to help spread the word that there is a safe and hygienic way to dispose of dog's mess. We hope other councils follow suit."

"We met and spoke to lots of responsible dog owners on the weekend and we were encouraged by their attitude. We look forward to working further in the community to help tackle the issue," Mr Harvey added.

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Bee ready for winter

NEWS FROM FONMON APIARY

VARIATIONS in temperature, plus northerly and easterly winds, have much reduced external colony activity but westerly rain-bearing winds will raise temperatures into the teens and this will create conditions that will encourage the foragers to venture out, to exploit any pollen and nectar-producing plants.

All colonies have internal stores to rely on, and as autumn turns into winter, the sources of pollen and nectar will inevitably disappear.

The bees should be well settled by now and very little movement would be the order of the day. In this settled condition little in the way of food is needed. When the bees do settle, they will form a loose 'ball' in the centre of the hive and when and if they want food, it will come from the stores they have put by.

The number of bees in a colony should reduce with the onset of autumn/winter, but with days that in the main are tending to be dry, mild and sunny, several queens are still laying.

This means that the varroa mite will take advantage of the situation and will also produce offspring. Current beekeeping literature is not keeping pace with these changing conditions and those who are new to beekeeping can be forgiven should they not really know how to react to what is an unusual state of affairs.

However, when – and if – the weather deteriorates, the colonies will settle and providing that in-house stores are laid by, all should be well.

Over the coming winter months, I shall be cleaning (scorching with a blowlamp) wooden hive bodies that will not be required until next year.

Hive tools, smokers and queen excluders will also be cleaned and made ready to be used again, come the spring.

The motto 'Be Prepared' is well worth keeping in mind because should the following spring present good conditions, then the bees will not be slow in responding; and having clean equipment to hand to meet the colonies' demands will stand you in good stead.

As an extra precaution mouse guards will be put across the entrance of each hive.

We might just get a cold snap and, given the opportunity, mice will be only too happy to spend chilly winter months tucked up in a hive where warmth and food are to be had.

Cold weather does affect the bees and although they do not hibernate, they will be comatose and cannot respond to a mouse invasion: this can mean the loss of a colony.

So until the sunny days disappear and temperatures are constantly below 9◦C our bees will remain active. Will winter arrive, or will the spring-like conditions continue?

I am watching and continually learning.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

'A SOLDIER'S STORY'

IT was wonderful to see all age groups in attendance at Sunday's Remembrance parade in Cowbridge at which we paid our respects to generations of HM Armed Forces personnel who have given their lives in service of our country.

However, what about those people who have survived the conflicts but who have been affected physically or mentally ?

In October 2016, I entered a busy cafe at Llandough Hospital and looked for somewhere to sit. In a corner there was a man whose appearance was dreadful; long greasy strands of hair, bushy beard, stained clothes. He smelled so much that other patients sat as far away as they possibly could.

However, I sat at the next table to him and when I finished my food I asked if he would like me to refill his cup of tea. He replied, in a surprising, Home-Counties' accent: "That is most kind of you, thank you." When I returned with his tea I asked: "You do not have a local accent. Where are you from originally?" I will never forget his reply and the explanation that followed.

He told me that he was once an officer in the British Army. He had been involved in the conflict in Kosovo and Desert Storm. He had served in Iran, Iraq and most recently in Afghanistan. While in Afghanistan he had been in a crowded market place with a radio operator when a local man shouted out "suicide bomber" and pointed to a heavily-clothed person who reacted but, fortunately for the market crowd, not quickly enough.

The officer then said that he instinctively made one shot and killed the attempted bomber outright. When they approached the dead person there were indeed bombs concealed beneath the heavy clothing, but they also concealed the appearance of a teenage girl.

That discovery, he said, had haunted him ever since. He suffered post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and was consequently discharged from the army.

When he returned to the UK he had nowhere to live. He had no family or friends – the Army had provided that. For several years he wondered around London, calling at hostels, sleeping on park benches, street corners, beneath bridges. He added that the hardest thing is finding accommodation.

Because of his PTSD background, no one wanted to know. He explained that he got turned away almost everywhere because their perception was that "homeless means trouble".

I asked about his PTSD and seeking treatment. He replied that he had walked from hospital to hospital and each time they turned him away allegedly due to lack of beds and said that it was "more appropriate for him to see his GP". He said that he had given up hope until another homeless man suggested that he travelled to Wales "because their assessment process is more helpful".

Subsequently, this former officer had walked from London to Cardiff and was admitted to the hospital during the night.

His story left me upset and emotional. Here was a man who served Queen and country. Daily, he had risked his life in order to achieve the freedom and safety of others. As a result of his action in saving the lives of the market traders he then suffered PTSD that consequently led to his discharge, although having heard his story, it seemed to me that the word 'discarded was more appropriate than discharged.

I was interested to read online that in the United States there is a campaign supporting free medical health care for their veterans.

When I read that, my first reaction was that although here in the UK we have the NHS, I was aware of one-too-many cases of our health service having let down veterans for far too long.

There are currently over 9,000 ex-military personnel sleeping rough in the UK. Fortunately, the vast majority of servicemen make a good transition back into civilian life.

Some do not.

Often, this is due to the life they led in the service of their country.

Those who are physically or mentally damaged by their experiences fighting for us deserve our support in return. The Government must look after them unstintingly, because whatever the cost to the taxpayer, it will be less than the debt we owe them.

I hope that some of The GEM's readers will think about these ex-servicemen and consider charities such as www.helpforheroes.org.uk, www.homesforveterans.co.uk, as well as www.britishlegion.org.uk.

Gareth Davies, (Cowbridge and Dubai).

Search for new Welsh music talent

ARTS CONNECT – a partnership between local authorities across the Vale, Bridgend, Caerphilly and Merthyr Tydfil has secured funding from the Arts Council Wales to re-launch the Forté Project.

Now in its second year, the project will again take on 10 emerging music artists from across the Arts Connect regions, with the application process now open to individual song writers, duos and bands.

It supports new Welsh talent by providing song-writing workshops, industry seminars, rehearsal space, recording sessions and live opportunities.

An application form is available at www.forteproject.co.uk, with completed applications needing to be returned, via email, before the deadline on Sunday, November 13.

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Denis Villeneuve's 'Arrival' is one of the films of the year...

by GARETH JAMIESON
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DENIS VILLENEUVE hasn't put a foot wrong since making his Hollywood breakthrough with *Prisoners* in 2013. *Enemy* was a study in psychological terror, while drug cartel thriller *Sicario* was one of the most compelling films of last year.

While he is currently filming *Blade Runner 2049*, a sequel to Ridley Scott's 1982 classic, his latest film sees him tackle science-fiction in *Arrival*.

Amy Adams plays linguist Dr Louise Banks, who is called upon by the US Government when spaceships start appearing around the world. Tasked with translating what they are saying and communicating with the ships, Banks, along with Ian Donnelly (Jeremy Renner), must try and bring the world together – do the spaceships come in peace or with something more sinister in mind...

Alien spaceships descend on Earth; a panicked planet wonders just what they are here for, while Government agents set about solving the puzzle of their emergence in our skies – *Arrival's* set-up is one that cleaves close to any number of 'alien' films, from *Independence Day* to *The Day The Earth Stood Still*.

Yet on this most familiar of frameworks, director Denis Villeneuve and screenwriter Eric Heisserer have created one of the most engaging, emotionally-captivating and intelligent films of the year, one that takes what could have been cliched and predictable and enriches it with smarts and heart that makes it linger with you long after viewing.

Villeneuve is quickly developing a reputation for building on formula; after all, when the likes of *Sicario* and *Prisoners* are stripped back then they are, at heart, genre films. But it's Villeneuve's ability to get the characters to connect that lifts them, and this film is no different.

On the surface cliches abound, whether it's Amy Adams' troubled linguist professor, seemingly drawn off from the world around, and who sees the task of translating the alien messages as a call to arms, the harried running of various soldier and government officials as they seek to find out the aliens' purpose, or the fact that not everyone views these visitors as peaceful.

But what is clever is the way these are folded into the story; this is, in its own way, a tale about humanity, about faith and overcoming tragedy, one that is told directly from inside the small camp based around the alien craft.

We see glimpses of the outside world (looting and a general unease about the situation) and how other countries are responding to these alien crafts, but these just add more flavour to what is already a heady story.

As the plot unravels, we learn why the aliens are here, and how Louise's importance to the plot increases, Villeneuve carefully balances this with a race-against-time element that, while slightly formulaic, adds another degree of tension that lifts the film towards a climax that is both heartfelt and perfectly-judged.

The performances are tremendous, Amy Adams shining in the lead as Louise, perfectly capturing her weariness and subsequent desire to get across the aliens' true message at all costs, while Jeremy Renner may not have much to work with opposite her, but the pair dovetail very nicely and make for an engaging lead pair.

The rest of the cast is filled out well with strong actors granting familiar characters a degree of depth, whether it's Forest Whitaker's army colonel whose faith in the pair is tested, or Michael Stuhlbarg's shadowy and pessimistic agent who isn't prepared to give these new visitors to Earth the benefit of the doubt.

It all adds up to a smart and engaging mix, one that pulls you one way and then the other before ending the film with a low-key climax that couldn't be further away from the generic blockbusters that its premise cleaves so close to.

And it's that that makes *Arrival* so powerful, so engaging; it's all about subtlety, not alien v human shootouts and aerial spaceship dogfights, but about the battle within humanity to do the right thing, to take a risk with the unknown.

It's a film that, based on the events of the past week across the pond, proves that not all is lost, that we can do better – and there no stronger feeling than that.

VERDICT: One of the year's highlights, *Arrival* is an intelligent, thought-provoking and emotionally-engaging take on a genre archetype, brought superbly to life by director Denis Villeneuve and writer Eric Heisserer. With strong performances from the cast, it's a film that will resonate long after the credits roll. *Essential viewing*.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Sicario* (2014), *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (1977).

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What's on, and where?

Tai Chi

FREE Tai Chi sessions started on November 16.

The venue for the second session on November 23, is Gladstone Park, Gladstone Road, Barry.

This is a basic Tai Chi session, where Tai Chi and Chi Gung practitioners will demonstrate softening exercises to strengthen the core and improve the balance.

Please note: these sessions are not official teaching classes, but a sharing of skills and knowledge.

Although the organisers do not anticipate any ill effects, and this would be highly unlikely, those participating do so at their own risk, they warn.

Those with health concerns are advised to first consult with their GP.

Contact PCSO Rhiannon Cummings for further details, or to book a place on 079707 36885.

Healthy craft fair!

THIS Saturday, November 19, from 12 noon – 4pm, a health and wellbeing event offers a free health check while shopping for festive gifts at St mary's Church, Holton Road, Barry.

You'll be able to get your blood pressure checked, speak with representatives from charities and find out more about what Barry Town Council does, from the Mayor!

Councillors' surgery

INDEPENDENT Sully and Lavernock councillors Kevin Mahoney and Bob Penrose will hold a residents' surgery and coffee morning on Saturday, November 19 between 11am and 12.30pm in the Old School Rooms, South Road, Sully.

All proceeds to the Sully and Lavernock Community Library Trust. Feel free to come along and raise any issue that you feel needs to be aired, or questions that you would like answered in an informal atmosphere.

Bear Pak market

CHILDREN'S holiday and after-school club Bear Pak, based in Penarth, will hold a Christmas market on November 19 at Holy Trinity Church, Woodlands Place, Penarth.

All kinds of crafts, preserves, toys, food hampers and Christmas gift ideas, plus refreshments and a raffle will be there. The fair will take place from 12.30pm – 3pm.

Care and Repair at Age Connects

IF you are a home owner or private tenant living in the Vale; elderly, disabled, possibly in need of advice and support on repairs or home improvements, Care and Repair Cardiff and Vale can help.

Advice on grants is available, plus information on reputable companies to use at Age Connects Cardiff and Vale on Tuesday, November 22 from 10am – 12pm.

Come to the Senior Health Shop, 38 Holton Road, Barry; no appointment needed.

Telephone 01446 732385 for further information.

SCAMS are a big issue for the elderly, as people can be easily tricked, whether it be online, by telephone, or face to face.

If you have been the victim of a scam and want help reporting it, come along to Age Connects on Tuesday, November 22 from 10am to 12 pm. You can talk to an adviser who specialises in this; leaflets and information will be available on the latest scams and how to deal with them.

Call the Age Connects number above for further information.

AGE Connects will be holding a Christmas fair on Tuesday, November 29 in the Civic Offices Corporate Suite, from 10am – 12pm; admission is free.

A range of attractive stalls, including cakes, crafts made by Age Connects Stitch and Bitch; home-made Christmas decorations, jewellery, tombola, refreshments and a prize draw. *Tickets 20p.*

DIY festive greetings

FREE computer classes at Atlantic College offer the chance to create your own computer-produced festive messages to send to loved ones and friends.

The students will help people make and produce their own digital greetings cards and letters on November 22, November 29 and December 6. Laser cutouts and printed products included.

All computing abilities welcome.

Call Christine on 01446 799076 for more information.

Clairvoyance evening

CADOXTON Christian Spiritual Church are holding their last evening of clairvoyance for 2016 on Thursday, November 24, with medium Julian Jenkins.

Doors open 6.30pm, the service lasts from 7pm – 8.30pm. Admission £5, on the door. *All are welcome; proceeds to church renovation.*

Cor Meibion Maesteg ar Cylch

ON Friday, November 25 this choir visits Pencoed Welfare Hall to perform a concert in aid of Age Connect.

The concert starts at 6.30pm and tickets (from Robert Doyle) are £5 and can be delivered.

His telephone number is 01656 669288.

NSPCC trip to Bath

THE St Hilary NSPCC committee has organised a Christmas coach trip to Bath on Saturday, November 26.

Enjoy a day out in this beautiful, historic city with its Christmas market, shops and restaurants. A visitor's pack will be available. The coach leaves Cowbridge Town Hall at 8.30am with a pick-up at Culverhouse Cross at 8.45am, and leaves Bath at 4.30pm.

Tickets are £15 from Ewa on 01446 771728 or any committee member.

Messy Church

THE next children's Messy Church at Crossway Methodist Church in Barry will be a 'Messy Christmas' on Wednesday, November 30 from 3.30pm.

There will be messy crafts, Bible stories, songs, and party food! A parent/guardian must be present.

For more details, or to book your place, contact Deacon Samantha Taylor on 406262 or deaconsam@live.co.uk. Visit our Methodist Facebook page 'Vale of Glamorgan Methodist Circuit' for information on the churches.

Bowling Club fair

THE Windsor Bowling Club will hold their Christmas fair on Saturday, December 3, at the clubhouse in Robinswood Crescent, Penarth.

There will be cake, toy, book and bottle stalls, a beautiful Christmas cake to be won, bran tub, plants and Christmas flower arrangements; bric-a-brac and a hamper raffle. *Entry £1, starting at 10am.*

Drivers sought

GOOD Neighbours in the western Vale (01446 795549) and the eastern Vale (01446 747654) have renewed their appeal for volunteer drivers to help the elderly do their shopping.

Contact Bridget Palmer, Good Neighbours volunteer co-ordinator, Unit 1, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major (CF61 1UX); 01446 795549.

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Archie and Bert from 'Fanshaws Fantastical Emporium of the Impossible'. These cheeky chappies will be providing street entertainment and magic to wow the crowds on the evening the Christmas lights are switched on at High Street (See more pictures on page 23).

by GEM REPORTER

THE West End, Barry, is among the elite of Britain's local shopping areas because it has such a high percentage of independent businesses – which means it is dedicated to the best in personal service and providing something that little bit extra.

This year, it is excelling itself, with a range of events to delight all its customers.

On Friday, November 25, the lights will be switched on and there's an array of entertainment.

That's followed by a 'Fizz Night' on Thursday, December 1, at which shops will host late night shopping with wine, mulled wine and other temptations.

December 3, is Shop Local Saturday. And there's a special 'Artisan Market' on Monday, December 12.

Local businesswoman, Fay Blakeley, explained: "The switch-on event is Victorian-themed with entertainment, which starts at 4pm. Traders are promising to dress in Victorian garb – and visitors can, too!

"There will be choirs, stalls in West End, and Bro Radio will host things on the stage. The switch-on will take place at 6.30pm.

"There's a special raffle at £1 a strip. Traders have donated prizes, so all someone's Christmas shopping could be dealt with in one go!

"Proceeds will go to future West End events. Santa will be the star guest.

"The Christmas lights will also go down Island Road this year. We have to thank father and son, Mike and Jack Rudman, for that. They freely gave their time to get the lights up.

"The 'Fizz Night' will see businesses putting on a fun shopping event, with things like sparkling wine, mulled wine, special promotions, and raffles.

"The Christmas lights will all be on and there will be a great atmosphere.

"The shops will host lanterns with a letter of the alphabet, which will make up a phrase. There will be a prize for everyone who takes part.

"The Artisan Market will have lots of crafts and local produce and will run from 10am until 4pm."

*So a great line-up of events, plus outstanding shopping... Can you now see why Barry's West End is nationally recognised? (**See article below**).*

High Street, Barry, is in UK top five!

BARRY is one of the top five locations in Britain for independent shops, according to a new survey.

Figures released by the Local Data Company reveal more than 91 per cent of shops in the town's West End area are independently run.

High Street, in particular, is heavily populated by independent traders and overall, West End has the fourth highest proportion of independent shops in the UK.

Only Sparkhill in Birmingham (95 per cent), London's Portobello Road (94.7 per cent) and Goodmayes in Ilford (94.1 per cent) boast a greater concentration.

A Vale Council spokesperson explained: "To show our continuing support for town centres, the Vale will help fund a programme of Christmas events around High Street and hold regular meetings with traders to help coordinate activities.

"These include a Victorian-costumed festive lights switch on event on Friday, November 25 and a Christmas market on Saturday, December 10.

"In addition, work has also already begun on a £700,000-scheme to provide more parking spaces and improve pedestrian safety on High Street, with a total of 36 new car parking spaces being created.

"New road crossings will also be built for pedestrians that will be safer and more convenient for those with disabilities.

Coun Lis Burnett said: "High Street has so much to offer, with a diverse blend of independently-owned shops to choose from. With the festive season approaching, it is the perfect place for Christmas shopping.

"The area is part of a strong, independent Vale shopping scene, with Cowbridge and Penarth other places with a rich selection of these kinds of shops.

"The broad range of independent retail outlets around High Street provides a unique, personal touch, something consumers are increasingly searching for these days.

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~ Main ~

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Meet the businesses...

Tony Hopkins of popular butchers Vic Hopkins & Son, told The GEM: "We've got our Christmas order forms ready, so customers can pop in and pick one up. To enable us to process their festive order in time, they need to fill out the form and hand it back in with a £10 deposit by Friday, December 16." For more information, tel 01446 735265.

Food for Thought has just celebrated its thirty third anniversary! All the staff would like to wish their customers a very happy Christmas. Pop in now to pick up your festive order form for home cooked meats, uncooked meats, party foods, and salads (last orders, Thursday, December 15). The deli's Scout Post collection date is Monday, December 5.

Anwarul Haoue Rahat is ready to receive all your Christmas letters and parcels at the 'best-one' Post Office.

Helen from Beautiful Lily at 92 High Street will be making lots of beautiful table arrangements, garlands and wreaths this Christmas. All are created by Helen herself and she's taking orders now.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

HIGH STREET BARRY CHRISTMAS EVENT

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2016

Order Under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
For the prevention of obstruction etc

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

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Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Friday 25th November 2016	**High Street Barry**, between Market Street and East Street	2.00pm to 9.30pm
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Local signed diversions shall be in place.

Dated this 17th day of November 2016

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ABOVE: Take a break from West End shopping with drinks and a bite to eat at Cwtch Coffee, 94 High Street – it's renowned for its friendly atmosphere.

If you are looking for a beauty treatment or a little pampering in the lead-up to Christmas or for a staff party, The Beauty Clinic at 43 High Street has a great reputation for delivering high quality treatments by highly trained and qualified beauticians. The owner Michaela aims to use the most up to date technology and the latest is Comcit (TM) a treatment that smooths facial skin for a more youthful look. The Beauty Clinic specialises in all aspects of beauty treatments including waxing, nail extensions and facials. To book an appointment, call 01446 743222.

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THAT SPECIAL GIFT IS ON YOUR DOORSTEP...

Giggles Toy Shop hosts a wonderful collection of high quality, traditional toys.

RIGHT: Miss Holmes stocks top brands like the sparkly and highly collectable Annie Haak jewellery. The owner Nicola wishes all her customers a 'Very Happy Christmas'.

Boosting Wales and the Welsh economy is Fay at 'Homemade Wales' located at 5 Island Road. Every product in the shop is produced in Wales.

INDEPENDENT shops are renowned for sourcing the very best products to keep their customers happy.

West End Barry is blessed with entrepreneurs determined to provide high quality and good prices, meaning you don't have to spend time and petrol going to Cardiff or a distant retail park.

A new entry on High Street is **Design 99** owned by Lana Nova.

Lana explained: "We opened in May and this is our first Christmas. We are a home accessories and 'unusual gift' shop.

"We do Dimplex fireplaces, candles, Bronte throws and cushions, handbags, money boxes, mugs, and the Santoro Gorjuss gift range."

Lana also sells her Russian art collection, for people who want something that little bit different.

Giggles Toy Shop owner Jill has a wonderful collection of high quality, traditional toys.

The shop is bright and spacious and stocks traditional, durable wooden toys, children's books in English and Welsh, cuddly toys, board games, party costumes, dolls' houses, ornaments and puzzles.

In February, Jill will celebrate four successful years on High Street. On Christmas Eve, a Saturday this year, Jill will stay open until mid-afternoon for people wanting to pick up last-minute presents.

Someone with a talent for sourcing top quality gifts is Nicola, the owner of **Miss Holmes**.

Nicola said: "We're now in our eighth year and I want to say a big 'thank you' to everybody who has supported us.

"We're a business for local people who can't get into Cardiff. I started during the recession, determined to do something for where I live, and we've gone from strength to strength."

Nicola stocks top brands like the sparkly and collectable Annie Haak jewellery, a range that was inspired in an unusual way.

Annie's husband Jonny was involved in a motorcycling accident in Bali and she flew to his bedside. While there she began sketching jewellery designs and found a local silversmith who transformed them into sterling silver charms. Now there's a huge range of bracelets, necklaces, rings and ear-rings – and Nicola is your local supplier!

She also stocks other top gift brands Katie Loxton, Joma Jewellery, Qudo, Ted Baker and Ashleigh and Burwood of London. A browse at Miss Holmes is definitely recommended.

Fay Blakeley, who owns **Homemade Wales**, is wishing everyone a 'very Welsh Christmas'.

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Pick up that special gift...

Lana Nova of Design 99, at 99 High Street, has an array of products and gifts to browse this Christmas, including fireplaces, candles, Bronte throws and cushions, handbags, and the Santoro Gorjuss gift range.

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She has established a Welsh 'gift boutique' at 5 Island Road, specialising in handcrafted gifts and homewares made only in Wales.

She said: "As the nights draw in and it gets chillier, its the right time for Welsh tweed throws and comfy cushions. Time to cwtch up on a cold night!

"Our tweed scarves, which are all woven, are made round the Brecon Beacons."

Fay's tweeds, scarves and Welsh blankets are high quality and can become family heirlooms to pass on to the next generation.

She is looking foward to seeing people at the Amelia Trust Christmas Fair at Cottrell Park Golf Resort this Saturday, November 19, 11am-4pm.

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The Smelly Shop has that 'touch of class'...

and issues an invite for December 1!

'The Smelly Shop' based at 100 High Street, Barry, is a stylish fashion, home accessories and fragrance business run by Emma (*above*) and Ceri.

The ladies are about to celebrate their second Christmas on High Street. Their enthusiasm is infectious – and no wonder when you see their alluring range of products. As you enter, the scents are intoxicating!

They stock Lily-Flame Candles which will bring a lovely fragrance to your home; they are an official supplier of products by The Soap Shop which are fresh, natural and organic; they're passionate about their range of jewellery and Ferrari-Lane candles.

There's lots more and the ladies are inviting everyone along to a special evening on Thursday, December 1.

Emma explained: "We're having a late night Thursday with mulled wine, minced pies, discounts, and raffles. It's an opportunity for us to talk about our products with customers, and make bookings for gift baskets to be made up."

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***LEFT:** Richard Jones Carpets at 25 Broad Street, has a carpet, laminate or cushioned floor to fit every room in your house and there's still time to order and get it fitted before Christmas! The staff wish all their customers 'Happy Christmas and Happy New Year'.*

The Christmas menu is out at Habana Bar and Grill, 80-81 High Street and you can book your festive meal on 01446 721425. Habana is known for its good quality, affordable meals and is open seven days a week. It has special meal deals and its Sunday roast is very popular. Habana is open 10am to 11pm, Monday to Thursday; and 10am to 3.30am Friday and Saturday. Food is served from 10am to 3pm, and from 6pm onwards in the evenings.

*For all your coverage of Christmas in High Street, read your GEM - find us online at: **glamorgan-gem.co.uk** on Facebook at **facebook.com/Glamorgan GEM**, and on Twitter: **@gem_news***

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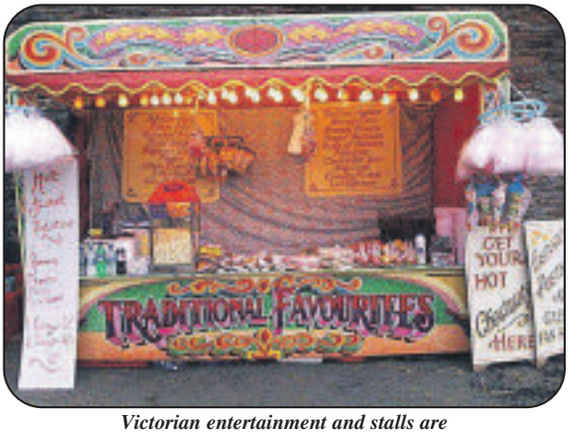

Victorian entertainment and stalls are coming to Barry's West End!

Silver Star celebrates its 125th anniversary in Barry

With the flags flying for the Coronation of King Edward VII, John Sylvester stands outside his first Wallpaper and Paint shop in High Street Barry in 1902

WALLPAPERS, paints and lots of other bargains will be on sale for only £1.25 each at the Silver Star decorating and DIY store on Barry Docks this weekend.

This is all to celebrate 125 years since John Sylvester came to the new town of Barry, from Taunton in Somerset, to found a high class decorating business.

In the late 1890s, the first shop was opened in High Street, Barry and in 1904 the business relocated to Cross Street and Station Street in Barry Dock where business continued through three generations of the family until Mrs Violet Sylvester sold the property in the 1980s.

The decorating business expanded considerably when led by the eldest son of John Sylvester – also John – and vehicle painting works were opened in Thompson Street and Kendrick Road. John Sylvester Junior was a master craftsmen, indeed an artist, a highly talented signwriter, gilder in real gold and silver leaf, wood grainer and wallpaper hanger.

The firm claimed to have worked on houses in every street in the original town of Barry and work also included decorating churches, fairground rides, steam traction engines, and the great fair organ from Barry Island fairground.

Work also included the painting of the Barry lifeboat, Barry's early buses, and of course houses and shops.

Sylvester's red-painted handcarts with yellow signwriting were familiar around Barry carrying ladders and decorating materials to and from contracts in many areas of the town.

In the early 1930s with the depression causing a reduction in work in Barry, a contract was gained from the Gelligaer District Council to maintain the coachwork and signwriting of their fleet of buses, and the Sylvester vans travelled daily from Barry to Bargoed for over 10 years.

After the death of John Sylvester in 1964, the decorating business ceased and was developed into Barry's first big decor and DIY store.

Today, the business is run by David and Terry Sylvester, grandsons of John Sylvester. Silver Star in Barry has a large selection of beautiful wallpapers and probably even more than in Cardiff. There are over 600 different wallpapers in stock at the store, all with the Silver Star guarantee which is: 'If you can find a lower price elsewhere, including online, Silver Star will give you a lower price.'

Everyone at Silver Star looks forward to welcoming many customers over the coming days, including those whose parents, grandparents and even great-grandparents will have been customers in past years, and everyone will be invited to join us in a free glass of wine (or orange juice) and slice of celebration birthday cake. **TS**

AUTHOR'S NEW BOOK

Phil Carradice.

ST ATHAN author Phil Carradice, who has written more than 50 books, has recently published a new tome, *The Call Up – A Study of National Service in Peacetime Britain* (Fonthill Media at £18.99) and as an ex-National Service soldier myself, I found myself looking back on my own National Service days.

Believe it or not, I was a cook in the officers' mess and worked alongside a civilian chef called Mrs Goddard.

I was surprised to learn that the last conscript to be called up, in 1963, was Private Fred Turner, a member of my old regiment the Army Catering Corps.

National Service in Britain began in 1947 ,and I still have my Discharge Army Book 111 dated November 2, 1956. s for my miltary conduct, I am pleased to say that of the range of military conduct gradings (1) Very Good (2) Good (3) Fair (4) Indifferent (5) Bad (6) Very Bad my CO had scored me 'Very Good'.

On the back of this pink certificate of discharge my CO had written: 'Pte Lee has been employed in the Officers' Mess as a cook. He has proved very satisfactory. He is a hard worker, clean and tidy and take an interest in his work. He is able to carry out his duties with no supervision. He is honest and trustworthy and a very reliable type.'

As it happens, the day before I got demobbed, I was put on a charge – owing to my room being in a bit of a mess. However, when I told the duty officer that I was due to be released the next day, he dropped the charges.

Like the majority of former National Servicemen who contributed their experiences to this enjoyable book, I don't regret for one minute now having to do my two years, but I must admit that at the time I was called up, I thought my whole world had come to an end!

With more than 60 contemporary images and numerous first-hand accounts, The Call Up provides fascinating perspective on National Service, and the young men who served during this period.

BRIAN LEE

Llantwit Major Boys Brigade's mixed success on the road

IT has been an extremely busy weekend for 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade; a team of three boys took part in the BB National Table Tennis Competition on November 12.

They travelled to Gloucester where they received a warm welcome. Unfortunately, they were knocked out of the competition, but the boys played very well. Well done to Morgan Edwards, Samuel Stewart and Thomas Edwards.

Then it was off to Cheltenham for the first round of the BB National Masterteam (quiz) competition, where they joined Dylan Johnston, Luke Thomas, Zac Duffin, Rebecca Eccleston and Lydia Lee.

Nationally, 43 teams have entered this competition, with only 20 going through to Round 2. Questions ranged from Bible Knowledge and sport to spot the difference and famous landmarks.

The B Team were, unfortunately, knocked out of the competition, but the A Team finished first in our group on the night (by a clear 19 points) and go through to the next round in December.

Well done to Dylan, Samuel, Morgan and Luke – good luck in December!

The company was proud to participate in Remembrance Sunday. The Anchors, Juniors and Company Section all looked very smart and it was a privilege to be able to pay our respects in this way.

Mrs D Chapman,
Officer, 2nd Llantwit Major Boys' Brigade

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A Magical Festive Experience

LET COWBRIDGE TAKE THE TENSION OUT OF YOUR SHOPPING OVER THIS HECTIC FESTIVE SEASON!

by PHILIP IRWIN

ABOVE: A peek inside The Pencil Case.

A warm welcome awaits at Colours.

ARE you looking forward to the mad rush of the Christmas shopping season?

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The town still has a healthy percentage of shops that are not part of large chains, and where there is a strong chance that the person serving you is the owner!

Many of the businesses have their own supply chains that they have cultivated for years, and you will find things in Cowbridge that you won't find elsewhere.

Add to that the fact that the town has plenty of places where you can take a break – cafes, pubs, bars and eating places galore – and there is no need for the day's shopping to be stressful.

You can even wander into the Physic Garden or Old Hall Gardens – where all is peaceful – or just carry on exploring all the nooks, crannies and alleyways of a town that was put together in a highly idiosyncratic style!

It's a town which doesn't stand still, and traders here have confidence that they can maintain the town's position in the shopping sector – and keep moving onwards and upwards.

The shopping area which is called 'Old Mason's Yard', has plans to expand, and has submitted plans that will give the centre a striking new frontage, should discussions with the council bear fruit.

New in the town for this Christmas season at the Old Mason's Yard is the **'Lemon Tree Nails & Beauty Cowbridge'**, where Jayne Gooding is looking forward to the party season.

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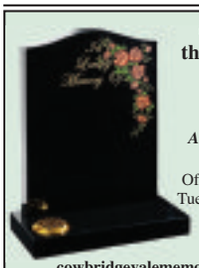

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At the Eastgate end of town, hair salon **Fich and Ramous** is geared up for Christmas, and this year the theme is 'affordable luxury'. Claire Prior-Collins said: "It's always fun when people are looking for something special. We've lots of ideas for 'party hair' and this year we have expanded our range of hair products that make an ideal Christmas gift.

"We have also introduced a wrapping service."

In the town centre, **Jon Ian** is looking forward to its first Christmas in new premises. Esther Hitchcock said: "It's an Aladdin's Cave for Christmas gifts.

"Also, the Jon Ian Salesroom, our old shop, has an amazing sale, with Christmas bargains available at up to 80 per cent discount."

In the alleyways and courtyards behind the Vale of Glamorgan pub is **The Beehive** gift shop, run by Julie Jarvis. She is conscious of Cowbridge's reputation as a distinctive and quirky shopping area, and aims to add to that.

She said: "We have lots of lovely new products that will make great Christmas presents, and we have many bargains besides!"

Sally Stephenson runs **The Pencil Case** in Eastgate, and says that it is the place to go for unique Christmas gift ideas for the whole family.

She said: "With so many children to think about, Father Christmas often needs some help and inspiration! Pop into The Pencil Case, where the children can write a list of Christmas gift suggestions, then post their letters in our special Christmas post box and we will make sure Santa receives them.

"We also have a fantastic advent calendar containing 25 special Christmas edition Iwako collectable erasers."

She added: "The Pencil Case is not just for younger children. We have a wide range of stylish notebooks, diaries, colour co-ordinated stationery and writing pens, which any teenager or young adult would be delighted to receive."

Also in Eastgate is **Colours**, run by Julie Jeans who, with Christmas in mind, is opening every Sunday until from Reindeer Parade Day, and every Thursday (until 7.30pm from December 1.

She said: "We have new lines in for the Christmas season in Lotus Footwear and Heavenly Feet, and in January we will have this year's Mother of the Bride (or groom) range, and there is always a great deal of interest in that."

Colours also have a special promotion day today (Thursday) featuring 20 per cent off clothes by the designer Frank Lyman – plus chocolates and prosecco.

An example of the wide choice of eating places in the town is **The Shampan** Indian restaurant, where the owner, AH Chowdhury, is happy to point diners in the direction of Tripadvisor, where good reviews galore are to be found.

This year, the restaurant is open on Christmas Day, and £22 will buy either an Indian or a traditional British dinner – which could well bring different generations of a family together!

Bar 44 in the High Street is also ready for Christmas. Operations manager Natalie Isaac said: "Bar 44 is now open from 9.30 am Tuesday to Sunday for breakfast, hot drinks and churros (warm Spanish doughnuts, home-made, tossed in cinnamon sugar with chocolate sauce!)

"You can now book for breakfast, lunch or dinner in Cowbridge via our website www.bar44.co.uk

"We also have a private function room called the Beronia Lounge, ideal for private parties and Christmas meals. Why not try our whole suckling pig for parties of eight or more to share, either as a private function or as a table in the restaurant.

"For Christmas, we have a superb festive menu for lunch or dinner as well as mulled wine, cocktails and of course sherry!

"Vouchers, hampers and retail food and drink are also available, and they are ideal as Christmas presents!"

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ABOVE: The beer garden at the Horse & Groom.

ABOVE: Great Indian food at the Shampan.

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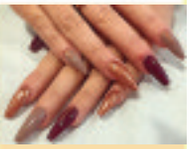

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A FESTIVE WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR!

THE historic market town of Cowbridge attracts many visitors wishing to sample its unique atmosphere.

It is renowned throughout the region for its variety of shopping and eating opportunities, the vast majority of which are independently-owned and run.

But Cowbridge is more than shopping and eating. It is a thriving community with many organisations and voluntary groups, which enhance the town and its reputation beyonds its boundaries.

Local groups have established annual events such as the Food and Drink Festival, the Christmas Reindeer Parade, and the Cowbridge Music Festival to name but a few.

These events bring literally thousands of visitors to the town and we hope that they will return.

In more traditional vein, the pageantry of the civic parades and the Remembrance Day commemoration help bring together people of all ages and are a reminder of Cowbridge's special history, which stretches back over 800 years.

The town has many listed buildings. The town hall (incorporating the museum, housed in the former prison cells!), the old grammar school and the ancient St Quentin's Castle in Llanblethian. For peace and tranquility you can also visit the wonderful Physic Gardens.

Coun Elizabeth George
Mayor of Cowbridge with Llanblethian.

Personal service is the key

Meet the staff at Tailor-Made Travel.

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At **Pebbles**, just alongside the town hall, Alison Williams is ready for Christmas. She said: "We've had lots of deliveries from all of our gorgeous labels.

"Call in to see the key looks for the season, and the fabrics, shapes and patterns that are new for autumn/winter."

Alison also has a special promotion over the three days (Friday to Sunday) of the Reindeer Parade, with 10 per cent off!

Arthur John's in the High Street has always carried a huge range of stock – it's probably easier to list the items that aren't kept in stock – and owner Alun John has a warm welcome for visitors.

He said: "We have a full range of Barbour and Joules country clothing, and we stock leading brands for kitchen equipment and tools – all ideal Christmas presents."

There was a time when travel agents would be waiting for the rush that followed all the Christmas holiday adverts on TV, but times have changed.

Tailor Made Travel opened in the town recently, and the business is built on responding to customers' needs throughout the year.

A family firm, they have been in business in Penarth for 20 years, and a new branch in Llantwit Major (in the New Year) will follow the Cowbridge opening.

Owner Simon Morgan said: "People are much more adventurous now and their interest in a country can be triggered by anything – a news story, perhaps.

"Therefore, we need to be flexible in making sure that they get what they need. We have special knowledge of the Cowbridge market, because our manager here, Carolyn Reeves, has been in the travel business for over 30 years."

Pubs are important to the festive season and in Cowbridge, the **Horse and Groom** is a popular meeting place. You can get a great range of beers, lagers and cider there – but the pub also has a wide range of gins and vodkas, with a growing range of cocktails.

Jayne Wilkinson, of the Horse and Groom, said: "Prosecco cocktails are very popular at the moment.

"Also, we are putting on something special for the Reindeer parade day, with a hog roast in our beer garden. There will be mulled wine available, too."

ABOVE: The showroom at Norma Davies Opticians.
BELOW: Fich+Ramous are ready for the party season.

Reindeer Parade welcomes the festive season in style!

COWBRIDGE'S Reindeer Parade has long set the standard for such events – and this year will be no exception.

On Sunday, November 27, the town will be buzzing from mid-morning on, as people prepare to greet the parade, which (as usual) will start at noon.

However, a good vantage point is important, so crowds tend to build up early to watch as Father Christmas and his elves travel through the town on a sleigh, pulled by his trusty reindeer.

The Reindeer Parade is organised and paid for, in the main, by the Cowbridge Chamber of Trade. The chamber's chairman, Alun John explained : "This is our annual 'thank you' to the people who come to Cowbridge to shop and visit local businesses.

"All of the collections that are taken on the day by the Lions Club will go to charities that are helped by the Lions."

He added: "We are hoping for good weather this year. last year was atrocious, so we are due a good day!"

Of course, the day doesn't end when the parade is over. there is plenty to do, right up until the switching on of the town's Christmas lights, which will be around 5.15pm.

There will be live music during the afternoon, and a craft market in the town, too, while young children will be able to see Santa in his grotto.

Santa's Grotto is run by the local Lions and a spokesman said: "As always, the Grotto will be hugely popular – so, to avoid long queues, access will be by ticket only.

"The tickets can be collected at the west entrance to the town hall on a 'first come, first served' basis from 11am on the day.

"Each ticket will grant access to one family and Santa will be in his grotto between 1.30pm and 4pm.

"There will be no charge for the tickets, but if you enjoy the experience ,a generous donation in support of the work of Lions would be much appreciated, using Gift Aid if possible."

Many shops will have special events or special offers, and the Christmas lights switch on at the town hall will be followed by fireworks from around 5.15 pm.

Local TV presenters, Lucy and Rhodri Owen from the BBC, and ITV's Ruth Wignall, will be switching on the lights – the end of a long day for them as they also take part in the Reindeer Parade.

In fact, Lucy Owen will also be doing at least one book signing – she has written a children's book to raise funds for the Noah's Ark Appeal for the Children's Hospital for Wales.

This will be at 1.30pm at the Cowbridge Bookshop, where she will be reading from the book, entitled *Boo-a-bog in the Park*.

A second book signing is also pencilled in, but details were not available as The GEM went to press.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

An established Cowbridge tradition is that Holy Cross Church holds its Christmas Tree festival over the Reindeer Parade weekend.

The beautiful old church will be filled with decorated trees – the work of local organisations, schools and voluntary groups, and is always a sight to behold.

On a hectic day, when the town is busy with Christmas revellers, it will be a haven of peace and tranquillity.

FESTIVAL GALA CONCERT

Heralding this special weekend, will be the annual concert by Cowbridge Male Voice Choir, in Holy Cross Church on the evening of Friday, November 25, at 7.30pm.

During the day, the Christmas trees will have been made ready for the festival, and the concert represents a public 'unveiling'.

The choir, with musical director Shelley Thomas Brown and accompanist Sandra Williams, will be performing songs from their extensive repertoire, and will be joined by guest soloists, Elinor Parsons and Tom Hamilton.

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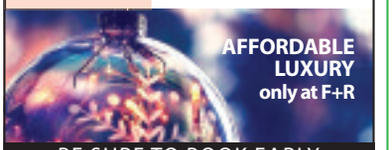

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LOOKING to gain a university qualification without the cost of leaving home to study? Cardiff and Vale College (CAVC) has a growing range of higher education courses and you can apply to start a course in September.

CAVC will be showcasing the university courses the college runs at the higher education open evening at its City Centre Campus on Dumballs Road on Wednesday, November 30 from 4pm – 7pm.

The college offers a range of higher education courses in partnership with universities from across the country; from foundation degrees you can top up to a full degree by taking a third year in university, right up to postgraduate study with the PGCE teaching qualification.

The open evening will offer the chance for you to find out more about the college's university courses. There will also be opportunities to chat to HE tutors, tour the campus and get a taste of what studying a university course at CAVC is like.

There are many reasons to study an HE course at CAVC. You could benefit from:

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Gaining a 'stand-alone' qualification or having the option to continue your study to gain a full degree.

Being able to study full-time or part-time to fit in with work or other commitments.

Gaining a stand-alone qualification with the opportunity to 'top up' to a bachelor degree.

The college works alongside the University of Birmingham, Cardiff Met, Kingston University, the University of South Wales and University of West London to give people the opportunity to gain university-level qualifications in a range of subjects, many of which are unique to the region.

CAVC students are reportedly among the most satisfied in the country, with the college rated above the national average for teaching and learning. CAVC has 'inspirational' facilities and dedicated industry-standard training centres across Cardiff and the Vale, including its new £45m City Centre Campus with its specialist HE centre.

Since 2015, over 1,000 students progressed to university level study at the college.

Students can benefit from specialist lecturers who are fully engaged with their industries and the latest trends and developments.

Register for the HE open evening and beat the queues by visiting www.cavc.ac.uk/heopen.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AT ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

ST MARY's Church, Barry, is holding its fifth Christmas tree festival this year, and is looking for local community groups, individuals, local businesses, churches and schools to display a Christmas tree of their own design in the church during the festival.

A spokesman explained: "The trees will be judged, and the one thought to be the most original will be presented with a certificate, and notification of the winners will also be put in The GEM. There will be three categories: schools, local organisations and young person entries.

"The festival will begin on Wednesday, November 30 at 7pm with the switching-on of the Christmas tree lights and announcement of the winners followed by a musical evening, including items from a youth band and the children of the town.

"Light refreshments will be provided for a ticket price of £3. All children admitted free.

"The Christmas tree festival takes place from December 1 to December 3 and the church will be open to visitors on the first and second between 10am – 4pm, and on December 3 from 10.30am to 12 noon. So come and look at the various trees on display!

"Many school choirs will be visiting us during this festival for us to listen to their wonderful voices, while we enjoy the beauty of the many trees.

"Programmes will be available that will enable all to understand the meanings of the many trees displayed. Entry to view the trees will be free to all and refreshments will be available.

"On Saturday, December 3 you can enjoy breakfast with Father Christmas among the beautiful trees; this takes place between 9am and 10.15am. It will be a breakfast of fruit, cereals, toast and soft drinks; tickets will be £5 and every child will have a gift from Santa.

"The church will then be open between 10.30am and 12pm to view the trees.

"We look forward to hearing from all those who would like to display a tree, this festival is being put together again this year for the people of Barry to take part in and to enjoy."

Entry forms will be available in all churches, and if you would like to display a tree or need further information contact Susan Borges on 01446 747928 or 07866 078665; or email borges888@btinternet.com.

REINVENTING THE CONSERVATORY ROOF REPLACEMENT & CONSERVATORY UPGRADE OPTIONS

As few as five years ago, polycarbonate would have been the main choice for a conservatory roof.

While letting plenty of light in, some found that their conservatories could be too bright and in summer, while cool in winter.

Building technology has moved on, and there are now two solid roofs that can convert a conservatory into a room with a more stable ambient temperature.

The first is a lightweight, 'tiled' roof that takes its design cues from the slates and tiles found on most UK houses.

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The Remembrance Sunday service – organised by the Royal British Legion – remembered all, including the 'forgotten conflicts' of Korea, Suez, Aden, Northern Ireland, the Falklands, the Gulf War, and those in the Balkans where members of HM Armed Forces fought and fell, or returned with scars, physical or mental, alongside those from more recent wars. None was forgotten.

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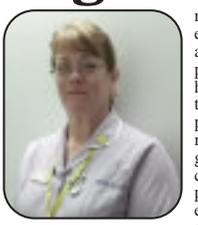
Marie Curie hospice nurses nominated for caring awards

TWO Marie Curie Nurses based at the charity's Vale hospice in Penarth, have been recognised for their work with people living with a terminal illness, by being nominated in the 'Nurse Leadership' and 'Going the Extra Mile' categories at the charity's annual Peacock Awards.

Ceri Davies, in-patient ward manager at the hospice, and Tracy Tucker, a senior healthcare assistant working in the hospice at home service who deliver care during the day and night in the community, will attend the awards at the British Museum, London on November 22.

A spokesman said: "The nationwide awards, now in their fourth year, give the organisation a unique opportunity to showcase the excellent care and innovation demonstrated by staff across the charity. It celebrates both teams and individuals who are nominated by their colleagues for consistently showing commitment to delivering the best care to people living with terminal illness and support for their loved ones."

Ceri Davies.



Tracy Tucker.

The awards are named after the Peacock Charitable Trust, a long-standing supporter of Marie Curie.

Ceri, who worked for Marie Curie for eight years before she took up a position in the NHS in palliative care, returning to the hospice about 12 months ago, said: "I love working with people who share my passion and a common goal of wanting to make the precious time that people with life limiting illness have left, as positive and comfortable as possible.

"When I first heard that I had been nominated I felt a bit embarrassed as I feel the achievements and progress we have made have been very much a team effort. I do feel proud as I look at how much our team has grown and the amazing care they deliver to patients and families every day which makes such a difference."

Tracy added: "In Cardiff I work as part of a team who deliver care during the day and night, depending on the patients' needs. We provide hands on nursing care to people at the end of their life who wish to remain at home and support the patient and family at a time when they most need us."

Porthkerry Park out to be best in Britain

PORTHKERRY Park has been shortlisted for a national award by Fields in Trust, which is searching for the UK's No 1 park.

It is competing as one of the top 14 parks in Wales and joins 213 other parks across the UK in a public vote to determine the winner. Votes can be cast at *www.fieldsintrust.org/bestpark*.

The winner will be revealed on November 30 at Lord's cricket ground, following the public vote.

Vale MP Alun Cairns commented: "Porthkerry Park is a jewel in the heart of the Vale of Glamorgan, I doubt any other space in the country could match its picturesque vistas. Where else do you have woods, fields, streams, a Victorian viaduct and the sea all in one view?

"Porthkerry Park's nomination for this award serves as a recognition of the dedicated and passionate work that Vale of Glamorgan Council staff do to maintain the area. They ensure that the park is a joy to visit and would be very worthy winners of this award."

Alun Cairns at Porthkerry Park, with Marco's in the Park café owner, Marco Zeraschi.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE ORDER, SECTION 16A ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

PENARTH PARADE AND ILLUMINATIONS

SUNDAY 20th NOVEMBER 2016

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Vale of Glamorgan Council have made an order under Section 16A Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as follows:-

WHEREAS during certain hours of the day and date specified in column 1 of the Schedule hereto the streets or part thereof listed in column 2 of the said schedule will be used for the holding of a relevant event as described in Section 16(A)(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council, pursuant to the powers conferred by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 do **HEREBY ORDER AND DIRECT** in order to facilitate the holding of the event, enable members of the public to watch the said event and to reduce the disruption to traffic likely to be caused by the event the following regulation shall be observed:-

THAT, except as provided by the order, the said streets or parts thereof shall be closed to all vehicular traffic including pedal cycles with the exception of Emergency Services vehicles between the hours specified in column 3 of the said schedule. The penalty for infringement of the said regulation is a fine not exceeding £1000.00.

Schedule

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Sunday 20th November 2016	**Glebe Street, Penarth** between Ludlow Street and Windsor Road **Diversions** shall be via Ludlow Lane and Albert Road. In addition the "one way" order on Arcot Lane known as **The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penarth Town Centre (Consolidation and Amendments) Order 2009**, in so far as it relates to the one way restriction on Arcot Lane, will be suspended for the duration of this order.	8.00am and 8.00pm
	Ludlow Lane, Penarth between Glebe Street and the car park of Windsor Lofts **Diversions** shall be in place via Ludlow Street and Plassey Street. In addition the "one way" order on Arcot Lane known as **The Vale of Glamorgan Council Penarth Town Centre (Consolidation and Amendments) Order 2009**, in so far as it relates to the one way restriction on Ludlow Lane, will be suspended for the duration of this order.	8.00am and 8.00pm
	A4160 Windsor Road, between Arcot Street and Albert Road Diversions for southeast bound traffic shall be in place via Arcot Street, Plassey Street and Albert Road, while diversions for northwest bound traffic shall be along Stanwell Road and Hickman Road.	10.00am and 8.00pm

Pedestrian Access will be maintained

Dated this 17th of November 2016

M. E. Punter, Director of Environment & Housing
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Wick accountant scoops top award

Chris Russell.

A BPP Professional Education student from Wick has been awarded a prestigious prize for the highest score in chartered accountancy exams.

Chris Russell-Jones (37) was honoured at the South Wales ICAEW Society's annual dinner awards ceremony, following outstanding third year results.

Having achieved 82 per cent in case study, 71 per cent in strategic business management and 83 per cent for corporate reporting in his June 2016 exams, he won the Howard Jones Prize, awarded to the south Wales-based student with the highest score in their advanced level examinations over 12 months.

"My family were delighted for me.

"My wife and I went out to celebrate when I'd received confirmation about the award – she's been through the pressure with me every step of the way so deserved to celebrate just as much as I did."

An ACA student at BPP Professional Education's site in Birmingham, he took the Fueller's Prize for his Master's dissertation in 2005, which analysed ex-Mayor Ken Livingston's London 'renewables policy'.

PACT meetings

CADOC – Meet your local officers at Waitrose, Palmerston Road, Barry, on Thursday, November 24 between 11am and 1pm.

GIBBONSDOWN– meet your local neighbourhood team at Aberaeron HUB, Aberaeron Close, Barry every Monday between 10am and 12 noon.

LLANDOW/EWENNY coffee and chat will take place at the Star Inn, Treoes, on Tuesday, November 29 at 11am.

Ward councillors' surgery

THE Labour Vale and town councillors for Buttrills, Castleland and Court Wards Bronwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans, Chris Elmore, Les Sword, Karl Khunell and Stuart Egan will hold their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, November 19 from 10am – 11am in the small community room of Barry Library, King Square. No appointment is necessary.

RNLI volunteer Aileen collects MBE at Palace

Aileen proudly shows off her MBE.

Steve, Aileen, Frances and Dan at the Palace.

QUEEN'S Birthday Honours recipient Aileen Jones, a volunteer at Porthcawl RNLI Lifeboat station, was presented with her MBE this week by Prince William at Buckingham Palace.

Aileen, who has been a volunteer at Porthcawl since 1995, was accompanied to the Palace by husband Steve, daughter Frances, and son Dan, who have also been volunteers for the RNLI at Porthcawl.

Both Aileen and Steve are retired helms and now hold the office of Deputy Launch Authority.

Daughter Frances was a crew member until university took her away from the town. Dan is currently a crew member.

"It was a complete surprise and honour when I was awarded the MBE for service to the RNLI," said Aileen.

"To have my family with me at Buckingham Palace made it really special day for me.

"Being a RNLI volunteer has been a huge part of our family life, both children from their younger years, were familiar with lifeboat crew and the commitment of volunteers.

"Steve and I were so proud that both Frances and Dan joined the crew as soon as they were old enough."

Lifeboat Operations Manager at Porthcawl, Philip Missen, said: "We are all proud of Aileen, who has been a stalwart at our lifeboat station. She was one of our first female crew members and then qualified as one of the first RNLI female helms.

"During a rescue of two casualties on a commercial fishing boat in difficulty out in the Bristol Channel, Aileen demonstrated her seamanship and courage as helmsman.

"She was recognised for these skills and became the RNLI's first female crew member in the history of the charity to receive a Bronze Medal for gallantry.

"Her award of the MBE is recognition of the commitment Aileen has shown to the RNLI, and to our lifeboat station here in Porthcawl," he added.

CADETS SHOW WHAT THE POPPY MEANS TO THEM

ABOVE: Cadet Corporal Llewellyn and fellow prizewinning cadets. Photo by Flt Sgt Peckham (ATC).

SAINSBURY'S supermarket in Bridgend, in conjunction with the Royal British Legion, held a competition open to RAF Air Cadets in Bridgend county borough called '*What does the Poppy mean to me?*'

Cadet Corporal Huw Llewellyn from 2117 (Kenfig Hill) Squadron, won first prize, with two cadets from 2318 (Aberkenfig) Squadron placed second and third.

There were many superb entries on display in the windows behind the checkouts. (You may have seen them over the last two weeks).

The three winners each received a Sainsbury's gift voucher.

Flight Sergeant (ATC) Peckham would like to congratulate everybody who entered as the quality was superb. He would also like to thank Flight Lieutenant Amanda Evans, for inviting the squadron to take part and also for collecting our entries.

LINDSAY THOMAS
CWC Secretary

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YOUR CHANCE TO SHARE THE COMMUNITY NEWS

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM: If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me. I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Ogmore Valley male voice choir

THIS choir is heavily involved with the local community, it owns a rehearsal and concert hall which was built in 1874, the Canolfan Bethlehem.

It is busy rehearsing for concerts it will be performing in December to raise funds for several charities, while on Sundays it is preparing songs to add to a CD, on sale for Christmas.

The choir rehearses on Thursday evenings and always welcomes new members and guests. For more information, telephone secretary John Jones on 01656 841429

Laleston WI

THE November meeting was taken by president Dawn Storie, who welcomed everyone including three visitors.

All the members were looking forward to the Christmas lunch at The Atlantic Hotel, Porthcawl on December 6.

Details of future events, such as a Glamorgan Federation WI lunch in aid of the Denman Appeal at the Aberavon Beach Hotel and a Federation fashion show at The Nolton House Hotel, were given.

A ballot was held and two bursaries, for courses at Denman College, were awarded. The lucky winners are Jane Lewis and Margaret Williams. Congratulations ladies!

Thanks to the speaker, Donald Llewellyn, for stepping in at the last minute and entertaining the members with slides and stories of his 'Life behind the Camera'. Gwyneth Jenkins gave the vote of thanks.

The raffle was won by Rosemary Dwyer and the competition by Barbara Rees.

The Book Club, at Bridgend Library, will take place on December 15.

The next meeting will be held on December 1 at 7.15pm in Blandy Hall (Laleston Gardening Club). It is Christmas party time and the competition will be a 'Christmas adornment'. New members are always welcome, why not come and join us. For further information call Diane on 01656 656600.

Bois Goetre-Hen Male Choir

THE choir is performing in a charity concert to help raise funds for Prostate Cancer UK. It is being held at St John the Divine parish church, Aberkenfig on Friday, November 25 at 7pm. There is also a guest choir, Meibion Goronwy from Benllech on the Isle of Anglesey.

Tickets are £5 from secretary Richard Howells e-mail boisgoetrehen'gmail.com or telephone 01656 737923.

Mynydd Cynffig WI

TUESDAY, November 8 found the members in the Talbot Centre, Kenfig Hill at 2.30pm for the November meeting, with a good turnout of members. Marjorie Goode and Enid Rymer, respectively president and secretary, explained items of WI business to the members.

Then details for the forthcoming Christmas party were finalised. Enid will organise 'Pass the Parcel', which always has the members in stitches; Maureen has arranged for Bill Bennett to entertain us during the party which is a first time for the WI and should be very interesting. The members are all looking forward to a great afternoon.

The walking club went on November 7 to Margam Park for an interesting walk, truly enjoyed by the walkers.

The Christmas tree festival is arranged and it is hoped the members will attend at Margam Park, as it will be a good day with lots to see and enjoy.

The talk this month was by John Hanson and his associate, on the topic 'Tools for Africa'. The subject was very interesting. There is a local branch in Porthcawl staffed by volunteers, they will take all and everything you don't want in your garden shed; refurbish and repair old tools, send them to their headquarters in Southampton, to be shipped to Africa. The tools are for self-reliance not charity. Next month is the Christmas party. Can't wait to celebrate.

Wesley Methodist Church, Tondu

ON Saturday, December 3, there is a Christmas tree festival and bazaar from 10am to 3pm.

On December 4, there will be an all age Nativity and parade service at 10.30am.

On December 7, there will be a carol service with the choir from Tondu primary school leading the singing, the service is at 6pm.

Tondu primary school

FRIDAY, November 18 is Children In Need Day, and the school is inviting the children to wear their pyjamas. They are asked to bring £1 for the non-uniform day, also if possible could they bring it in loose change to cover Pudsey in coins.

The school is asking for help to raise as much money as possible for the charity. Thanking parents and carers for their support.

The Parents' and Teachers' Association is organising a disco for pupils of the school on Thursday, November 24 from 5.30pm – 7pm, at Coleg Cymunedol Y Dderwen. It is asking everyone to use the entrance down the steps/ramp from the car park as the front entrance will not be open. There will be an entrance fee of £1. Parents of children in nursery and reception must accompany their children.

The school will have tickets for the different Christmas concerts at the school available from November 23.

Y Bont

Y BONT children's charity will hold a Christmas festival at Bryngarw Country Park from 4pm to 8pm on December 2 and from 10am to 4pm on December 3. Everyone will be treated to a festive atmosphere with lots of stalls and music provided by choirs.

Cor Merched Cwm Llynfi, (Llynfi Valley Ladies' Choir)

THE choir is performing in a concert in the Catholic Church of Our Lady and St Patrick, Monica Street, Maesteg, on Friday 25th November 2017 at 7pm. Tickets £6 are available from the church, choir members or by telephone on 01656 742703.

It will be a ladies' night as the guest soloist will be Sally-Anne Kingsbury! Please support this concert as all proceeds will go to the church restoration fund.

If you are interested in joining the choir, this concert would be the perfect opportunity to hear the ladies sing.

The choir rehearses in the Catholic Church every Wednesday from 7pm to 9pm.

Tynyrheol Primary School

J BLACKMAN, the headteacher, gives thanks for the continued support provided to the school from parents, friends and governors. The school disco on October 21 raised £69.60 and the bonfire night organised by the PTFA raised £280.50.

She also wants to thank everyone for their generous donations for the Royal British Legion. Pupils have been wearing their poppies and their poppy bands with pride. She will let everyone know how much the school raised, when it has all been calculated.

The next cross country event (for years 3-6) is at Pencoed Comprehensive school on Saturday November 26. She advises parents that parking may be problematic due to another event being held there on the same date.

Please arrive by 9.45am, races start at 10am and should finish by 10.45am.

The PTFA still has seats available on the coach Christmas shopping trip to Bristol city centre, on Saturday, November 19. The bus will be leaving Blaengarw at 8am and picking up (and dropping off) at various stops. The bus will leave Bristol at 5pm. Tickets are £15 and that includes entry into the raffle.

For tickets, contact Mrs Street, (01656 815820) a member of the PTFA or Miss Crowle or Ms Blackman, at the school.

Age Connects Morgannwg

THIS will host a fundraising evening of musical entertainment by Maesteg male choir Côr Meibion Maesteg a'r Cylch on Friday, November 25 from 6.30pm to 10pm at Pencoed Miners' Welfare Hall (CF35 5PE).

Tickets, £5, can be purchased from Age Connects Morgannwg via information@acmorgannwg.org.uk or call 01443 490650. Admission by ticket only.

CAOS' MUSICAL TRIP AROUND UK

Members of CAOS Musical Society on stage in Fairwater.

ON November 8, CAOS Musical Society were the guests of Cardiff Light Music Club at The Fairwater Conservative Club.

The theme was 'Songs From Around Britain' and the programme included many old favourites such as, 'Cwm Rhondda', 'The Londonderry Air', 'The Lewis Bridal Song,' and a medley of songs all associated with London.

The first half of the concert was a solo performance by Tony Hill, who played guitar and sang a selection of well-known, sing-along songs. His performance was very well received and warmed the audience up nicely for the choir in the second half.

The musical director and conductor for the evening, Diane Normansell, who shared the piano playing duties with Christopher Fossey. Mrs Normansell recently damaged her hand in an unfortunate accident, but she managed to play the accompaniment to a medley of songs with her usual skill and dexterity.

As always, Chris Banks played the role of master of ceremonies for the evening, filling the gaps between the songs with his usual mix of informative but witty remarks and anecdotes.

CAOS Musical Society is a mixed ability choir with some talented and experienced singers, as well as a few absolute beginners included in their numbers. The choir rehearses every Wednesday in the St Athan Community Centre at 7.30pm.

They are always on the lookout for new singers and if you would like to come along and join them, one evening, you are assured of a very warm welcome.

Three from the area in running for Wales Sport Awards 2016

FIFTEEN people involved in grassroots sport in Wales – including three from Bridgend or the Vale – have been selected to contest the Wales Sport Awards 2016.

They were shortlisted after being nominated for their contributions to community sport, following a nationwide search.

The winners will be revealed at the Wales Sport Awards ceremony at Hoddinott Hall in Cardiff Bay on December 5, organised jointly by BBC Wales and Sport Wales.

The five community awards celebrate the essential and often unseen work of volunteers and coaches that keeps sport thriving in every corner of Wales.

Those in contention from the area are: Megan Curling, involved in gymnastics in Bridgend for Young Volunteer of the Year; Jamie Evans, again from Bridgend and taking part in gymnastics, up for the Young Coach award; and, in the Coach to Disabled People category, Emily Griffiths for swimming in the Vale.

Dr Paul Thomas, chair of Sport Wales commented: "The importance of these volunteers and coaches can't be overestimated. They are the heartbeat of sport in Wales and they deserve our thanks and recognition for the work do in getting people hooked on sport.

"It is such a hard task picking out finalists and winners for the awards but their stories will be an inspiration and motivation for others."

BRIDGE RESULTS

RESULTS for the Vale of Glamorgan Children in Need simultaneous pairs competition held on November 14:

1st Helen Houston & Mike Pownell 67.17%, 2nd Liam Sheridan & Glenda Roberts 67.13%, 3rd Tony Ratcliffe & Trish Tracey 63.19%.

Many thanks to all who contributed - we raised £215 for Children in Need! **LE**

Artist Linda wins shield – AGAIN!

THE chairman of BARUC Art Group, John Thomas, hands over the Baruc Art Group Shield to a delighted Linda Johns for the second year running.

Her painting, 'Glimpses of St Pauls,' was voted the best work in the BARUC annual art exhibition held in October, with Jan Parsons' work 'Gone Fishing,' voted a close second.

The chairman praised the incredibly high standard of works on display at the exhibition, and his gratitude for the public's enthusiastic support.

BARUC Art Group meets on Fridays from 9am-12 noon at All Saints Church Hall, Barry.

Wolves in thriller

DINAS POWYS Wolves were caught sleeping in the latter stages of this thrilling encounter against Sully.

After falling 1-0 behind when the visiting Keeper Dylan Morris let a shot from a freekick slip through his hands the reply from the Villagers was instant.

After a flowing move involving a number of players saw Robson Mallam finished off with a fine goal.

Kyle Booker then went on a customary run beating a number of players with ease to put the Wolves in the lead.

Unselfish running and movement from Callum Hewitson was creating the space which allowed the Wolves to play their attacking style of football.

Rian Thomas rifled home the third after Hewitson found him in space.

Robson Mallam, in a rich scoring vein, added his second to give the visitors a fully-deserved 4-1 lead.

The second half was a very stop start affair with the visitors conceding numerous stupid and petulant free kicks.

Sully capitalised on this and made much more of a game of it in the second half.

Thomas and Booker put the game to bed however, as the home side looked like making a full comeback.

Dinas would like to wish the Sully defender a speedy recovery as he came off worse for wear in a fair challenge from a Wolves forward.

Final score Sully 5, Dinas Wolves 6. **LS**

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/01261/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Extension of existing Grade II listed two-storey house located within the Llantwit Major Conservation Area. The alterations comprise new roof lights and French doors to existing north rear wing and replacement of existing lean-to east extension with a larger gable roofed extension.
Location:/Lleoliad: Old Place, Castle Street, Llantwit Major
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: Llantwit Major

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/01267/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: Proposed development of the site for 2 new build, detached houses
Location:/Lleoliad: Plot at Station Terrace, East Aberthaw
Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth: East Aberthaw

Listed Building Consent/ Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/00607/FUL
Proposal:/Cynnig: The proposals are to build a small extension to house a utility room and accessible WC. Access to the chapel will be improved with a new wheelchair accessible ramp and a raised path formed outside the chapel on MOD land
Location:/Lleoliad: Bethesdar Fro URC, Boverton Road, North Gate, Boverton, (RAF St. Athan)
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: 2016/01258/LBC
Proposal:/Cynnig: Replace floor in northern portion of main barn
Location:/Lleoliad: Cobbles Kitchen and Deli, Ty Maen Barns, Ogmore by Sea
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

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Proposal:/Cynnig: The conversion of a redundant and derelict barn into a single detached residential dwelling, and the erection of the original cow shed structure to the South West perimeter of the site
Location:/Lleoliad: West Aberthaw Farm, West Aberthaw
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Conversion and refurbishment of existing detached outbuilding/store to provide garden office/occasional guest bedroom facilities ancillary to existing farmhouse
Location:/Lleoliad: Caer Wigau Uchaf Farm, Pendoylan Road, Pendoylan
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig: Grade II

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Proposal:/Cynnig: Extension of existing Grade II listed two-storey house located within the Llantwit Major Conservation Area. The alterations comprise new roof lights and French doors to existing north rear wing and replacement of existing lean-to east extension with a larger gable roofed extension.
Location:/Lleoliad: Old Place, Castle Street, Llantwit Major
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Location:/Lleoliad: Old Place, Castle Street, Llantwit Major
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Proposal:/Cynnig: Rear extension
Location:/Lleoliad: Pound Cottage, 2, Penlan Road, Llandough, Penarth
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Penarth Hockey Club news round-up

PENARTH Hockey Club continues to push for promotion on three fronts in the GoCrea8 League despite only one of its teams winning on a weekend where the first and third XIs faced top of the table clashes.

After three successive weekends on South Wales 'soil', the first XI were back on their travels for the seventh game of the Conference North campaign, heading to the University of the West of England in Bristol for a showdown with the students.

Having won their previous three matches, the Bears were in confident mood, but travelled without talisman Ben Croxall for the first time as they took on a UWE side that had played one tier higher - in the Championship division - just last year.

That pedigree showed as the home side proved capable of moving the ball well early on but, despite several forays into the Penarth 'D', they failed to break the deadlock, and it was Penarth who actually came the closest to doing so.

The visitors really established control in the final 15 minutes of the half, transferring the ball across the back before finding their way into the final third of the pitch with ease. However, although they earned a number of penalty corners, Penarth also failed to grab a goal and went into the break at 0-0.

The second half started just as the first had ended, with Penarth in control and winning numerous penalty corners. The breakthrough eventually came after 50 minutes, with Laith El-Khatib flicking the ball under the UWE 'keeper to put the visitors a goal up, but, despite maintaining possession thereafter, they couldn't add a second, allowing the students to remain in the game.

After earning a string of penalty corners of their own, the University side eventually evened the scoreline with a well-controlled flick of into the bottom corner, and went into the final part of the game with the greater momentum.

Under pressure, Penarth also found themselves on the wrong end of a number of questionable umpiring decisions in the final ten minutes, and were dealt a heavy blow when defender Tom Haran was sidelined for the remainder of the game after a bad challenge.

To make matters worse, UWE took the lead from the resulting penalty corner and Penarth, despite generating pressure with only 10 men, simply couldn't find a way back in the final stages, falling for the first time this season, 2-1, but remaining second in the division heading into a tough run of games against top six opposition.

PENARTH A 6, CARDIFF MEDICS A 0

The second XI's season has taken an upturn in recent weeks and Sam Chick's side looked to make it three wins on the bounce as they hosted their Cardiff Medics counterparts at Stanwell School on Saturday.

The home team started well and, after a handful of thwarted efforts, finally took the lead midway through the first half, as a well-placed aerial ball caught the Medics' defence napping, allowing Phil Lane to drive into the 'D' and slot home past the hapless 'keeper.

The lead was doubled soon after, with Lane again making the difference as he powered home to add to Penarth's advantage, but the tempo dropped off towards the end of the half, allowing the Medics to come back into the game, although the few chances they created were met with some resolute defending that prevented them from troubling goalkeeper Simon Comfort.

Despite being ahead at half-time, Penarth knew 2-0 was still a vulnerable scoreline, with the next goal likely to be crucial in determining the outcome. With their effort refired by the interval, and concentrated by an injury to influential midfielder Mark Thomas, it was the home side who grabbed the score, man-of-the-match Sam Salisbury doing superbly to smash a ball to the back post for Steve Davies to add the finishing touch.

Like Lane before him, Davies quickly doubled his tally, this time slapping home a scuffed Chick shot after good work from Dave Stevens, driving forward from right back.

With the Medics fading between sporadic attacks, Penarth made it five after a perfectly-weighted through ball from Lane saw Chick's shot well saved by the keeper, only to fall for Christian Holzbaur to calmly claim his first goal for the Bears.

The scoring was rounded off by Chris McCarthy, following good build-up play by Jamie Davison, and the 6-0 scoreline helps Penarth climb to third in the De Cymru 1 table with four games remaining before the Christmas break.

PENARTH B 1, SWANSEA UNIVERSITY C 5

Top of the table Swansea University visited Stanwell to take on a Penarth third XI buoyed by the previous week's crushing victory over Swansea City.

Knowing that the winners would be De Cymru 3 leaders at the end of the day added a little extra frisson to the occasion, but it was student side that started quicker and, within a couple of minutes, were 1-0 up after a well-worked goal.

Two further goals - one a contentious penalty flick - gave the visitors a comfortable lead by midway through the half, but Penarth gradually managed to find their feet and, despite losing James Davies to a dead leg, the Bears started to build some attacks of their own through Richard Cousins and Mark Robinson in midfield.

After going close through a couple of penalty corners struck by Nathan Townsend - one of which seemed to be stopped by a Swansea leg on the goal-line - a drive into the 'D' by skipper Dave Watkins resulted in his cross being diverted into the net by a Swansea stick, making it 3-1 at the break.

The second half proved to be much better for Penarth, as the defence of Simon Wilkinson and Matt Birch stopped the Swansea attacks with relative ease and provided the foundation for numerous quick breaks that should have resulted in a goal or two for the home side.

That could have swung the game in Penarth's favour, but they were made to pay for their wastefulness as they appeared to tire in the final five minutes, defensive errors twice gifting goals to a University side who would be the first to admit that the eventual 5–1 scoreline did not reflect the game as a whole.

Three of the four Penarth sides will be in action this weekend, with the thirds taking their turn to have a Saturday off.

The first XI will hope to bounce back as they open a run of hugely important fixtures by taking on Bristol University at Stanwell School (1.45pm start). The seconds head to Swansea hoping to make it four in a row and keep the pressure on the top two in division, while the fourth XI provide the warm-up for the senior side by hosting Gwent at Stanwell (12 noon start).

Penarth Hockey Club will be holding a quiz night - featuring Paul Thomas' famous curry - on Friday, November 25, starting 7.30pm at Penarth Athletic Club.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on Wednesdays at Stanwell School, with the juniors on the pitch between 6.15pm and 7.15pm and the seniors between 7pm and 8.15pm.

Anyone interested in joining the club at senior or youth level can contact club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) for further information.

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NO RUGBY... but there's no rest for Sully View RFC!

THE autumn internationals may be good for international rugby, but this period places grassroots rugby under pressure.

Sully View RFC has not had a fixture for three weeks, and it will be another three weeks before its next game. This does not encourage players to train twice a week, and harms the social camaraderie aspects of the club.

Efforts to keep everyone involved, include the recently successful 'Halloween night' and further events planned at the club on Saturday, December 17 and on New Year's Eve.

The next event is the reunion night on Friday, November 25, starting at 7.30pm in the Market Street Club.

All players/members are most welcome, with a special invitation going out to all the current players who have now settled into the newly reformed club.

As the last two reunions have been successful in raising money for charity, it has been decided that all reunions will include charity fundraising, and so those attending will be asked to contribute £5 to cover food, raffle and a donation to charity.

These get-togethers are proving most successful, as old friendships are revived, stories, and memories, of the past exchanged, and topped off with a good old fashioned rugby sing-a-long.

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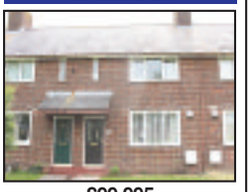
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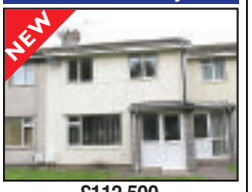
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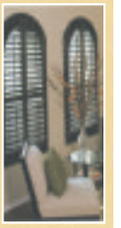

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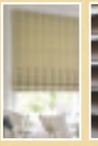

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PRICE
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Gwynne

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EVANS
David Colin

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HEATHFIELD
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Doris Muriel

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18th November

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO 12 ST BRIDES-SUPER-ELY)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2015

On the 11 October 2016 the Welsh Ministers confirmed the above Order made under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to divert the public footpath as set out in the Schedule and shown in the Order map.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the order map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Docks Office, Barry Docks, Barry, CF63 4RT during normal office hours. Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at a price of £4.50.

This Order came into force on 11 October 2016, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the order, he or she may, under paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from 17 November 2016 make an application to the High Court.

Dated 17th November 2016

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Dyddiedig 17 Tachwedd 2016

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LICENSING ACT 2003
Section 17 (5)
Notice of Application for a Premises Licence
NOTICE IS GIVE THAT
An application has been made to Bridgend County Borough Council (the Licensing Authority) for a
PREMISES LICENCE
To permit licensable activities which it is proposed will be carried on, on or from the premises shown below.

Details of the application may be inspected between the hours of: Monday to Thursday 0830 to 1700 hours and Friday 0830 to 1630 hours at Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB or by visiting the authority's website: www.bridgend.gov.uk.

Any responsible authority or any other person may make representations in respect of the application, which must be submitted, in writing, to the following address before the date shown below: Licensing Section, Bridgend County Borough Council, Civic Offices, Angel Street, Bridgend, CF31 4WB.

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It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application.
The maximum fine on summary conviction is £5,000.
(1) This must include details of activities, type of entertainment and appropriate days and times.

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HISTORY MADE AS BARRY TOWN UNITED REACH MG CUP FINAL

HISTORY was re-written at Jenner Park last week, as Barry Town United became the first Welsh League team to reach the final of the Welsh Premier League's expanded Nathaniel MG Cup.

Pitted against three-time winners Carmarthen Town in the first of two semi-finals, Barry showed hunger, determination and skill to see off their WPL foes at Jenner Park, with their famous 1-0 triumph confirming the club's first appearance in the national cup final since 2001.

An evenly-matched contest for much of the 90 minutes, the clash with Mark Aizlewood's Carmarthen was settled by a moment of pure brilliance from Barry striker Jordan Cotterill, who fired a sublime, 66th-minute free-kick beyond the Old Gold wall and goalkeeper Lee Idzi, from 25 yards.

After their exit from the JD Welsh Cup against Penybont three days earlier, the semi-final had quickly become a must-win for Gavin Chesterfield's squad, but any lingering disappointment from the prior weekend would only serve to fuel their efforts, as Barry rose to the occasion in emphatic fashion.

Cotterill's wonder strike made sweet reward for the season-high crowd of more than 500, with the loud and partisan home support providing an invaluable 12th man in the cold November rain.

With skipper James Saddler and defender Luke Cooper entering fine performances on the slick 3G surface, goalkeeper Mike Lewis made his commanding presence known on a number of occasions, while the second-half introduction of penalty taker Bobby Briers and fervent forward James Dixon added further fire to the fight, as the home side battled towards the finish line.

The closing moments saw Carmarthen, who captured the trophy as recently as 2014, throw the kitchen sink at Barry in pursuit of that elusive equaliser that would have forced extra-time.

Nevertheless, the hosts dug deep to keep their opponents at bay, prompting scenes of delirium at the final whistle, as spectators, players and officials alike celebrated a landmark achievement.

Having survived the most difficult period in its history, the midweek mayhem at Jenner Park served as another memorable chapter in the Town's revival story, with Barry fans now looking forward to a televised cup final in the New Year; something that some thought they might never see again.

The second semi-final between The New Saints and Connah's Quay was to be played on Tuesday, with a date and location for the final to be confirmed after Barry's opponents are determined.

At the time of writing, holders TNS had won all 17 of their domestic fixtures in the 2016-17 campaign, while maintaining a 100 per cent record as a guest entrant in Scotland's IRN-BRU Cup.

Meanwhile, the Nomads currently sit in second in the Welsh Premier League and are the only outfit to have beaten the superlative Saints on two different occasions in 2016.

Both teams were winners in Europe this summer, with Connah's Quay advancing in the UEFA Europa League and TNS making further progress in the UEFA Champions League to boot.

This Saturday afternoon sees the Town return to Welsh League Division One matters, when Taffs Well are the visitors to Jenner Park (2pm kick-off).

A typically competitive affair, the sides have met every season since the Town's relegation from the Welsh Premier League in 2004. **AC**

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Girls' football at Llancarfan!

Llancarfan Primary School girls team.

LLANCARFAN Primary School planted a footballing acorn just before half-term and we forecast that a mighty oak will grow.

Barry Town United Ladies Football Club staged a primary girls' competition on the pitches of St Cyres School in Penarth on October 21.

The team of seven girls was cobbled together at the last minute and had only achieved a mighty 20 minutes practice before the big event.

Three closely-matched, friendly and energetic games followed and Llancarfan won one and narrowly lost the other two. The girls' performance inspired the formation of a new Llancarfan football team, so with a bit of practice, who knows what we can achieve?

Huge thanks to Barry Town Ladies FC, St Cyres and the other teams for a great afternoon. **RB**

Cottrell Park ladies enjoy end of season presentation

The second team.

The first team.

ON Wednesday, November 9, the ladies of Cottrell Park Golf Club enjoyed an excellent meal at their end of season dinner.

The new ladies' captain Jeannette Williams welcomed everyone, following the meal, reports were given on the team's progress during the year on behalf of Helen Poole, first team captain, and Helen Evans, second team captain.

Both thanked all the ladies who participated in the team matches.

They gave their results of the competitions which were a mixture of wins and losses - both teams remained in their respective divisions. Vicki Long will be the next first team captain

The two younger members of the teams were congratulated on their play and their drop in handicap, Eleanor Lewis from 12 to 10 and Megan Cullinane from 19 to 14. Both will be playing in the first team next year.

Lorraine Pointon-Bell reported on the friendly teams - it had been a good year with the teams all very friendly, she also thanked all the ladies who had taken part.

The results were as usual an 'honourable draw' and Jeannette presented Lorraine with a bouquet of flowers.

A happy and enjoyable evening was had by all.

Margaret Rees picks up her trophy.

Margaret Rees is pictured left being presented with the ladies trophy on the 20th anniversary competition, celebrating the opening of Cottrell Park Golf Club, winning with 39 points.

The trophy was presented by Jeannette Williams, ladies' captain, with Lorraine Pointon-Bell, vice captain, in attendance at Presentation night. **CB**

BRYNHILL LADIES' SECTION'S PRESENTATION EVENING WAS A 'GLITTERING AFFAIR'

The ladies' presentation evening at Brynhill Golf Club on November 12 was as usual a glittering affair.

The trophies were on display ready to be presented by the ladies' captain Liz Fine and her vice-captain Olwen Thomas to all the lady winners and runners-up.

There were many trophies to present which included the major cups, which are as follows:

Ladies' club championship, winner - Gemma Evans, runner-up Sam Pascoe; Diack Championship, winner - Elizabeth Taylor, runner-up - Jo Hopkins; ladies' club championship, winner - Gemma Evans, runner-up - Sam Pascoe.

Gemma who had already been presented with five trophies, was a worthy winner of the championship trophy.

The lady golfer of the year was awarded to Andrea Page who was a well-deserved winner.

The Jenny Williams trophy was presented to Jen Pugh. This trophy is presented by the ladies' captain to the lady who has done most to help her during her year of office.

A good night was had by all who attended the presentation, with many filling their trophies with the special cocktails that Kath, the bar manager, concocted for the evening.

Mike Briscombe supplied the entertainment for the evening and the members danced the night away.

Thanks were extended to the course manager Iain Grant, and to Kath Foran and her bar staff. **JK**

Ladies champion Gemma Evans with Liz Fine.

Liz Taylor, Diack winner.

Andrea Page, lady golfer of the year.

Cieran and Ffion to surf for Wales

CIERAN HUGHES (Year 12) and Ffion Hughes (Year 10) of Cowbridge Comprehensive School have been selected to surf in the European Surfing Junior Championships for Wales in Morocco in December.

The team are scheduled to visit Morocco from December 1-12. We would like to congratulate Cieran as he has been asked to be the team captain for this championship. Ffion is the only girl in the team and will be competing in the under- 18s category; we would also like to congratulate her.

Cieran performed extremely well in the ISA World Junior Surfing Championships in The Azores in September, being the highest placed Welsh surfer in the competition and second highest placed surfer from the home nations.

Ffion competed in the British Nationals in Perranporth in October. She is British Champion in her category, winning the under-14 girls' section - well done both!

Success for YMCA young gymnasts

FIVE girls from the female artistic competitive section of YMCA Barry recently participated at the South Central Novice B event where they had an enjoyable time.

At this event medals were presented for gymnasts placing first to third, while rosettes were awarded to gymnasts placing fourth to sixth.

Daisy Hill, Mia Richardson and Ruby Price competed in the eight years category where they performed routines on floor, vault, bars and beam.

Mia climbed onto the podium on a number of occasions, placing second on bars and vault, third on beam and becoming the floor champion. She also claimed a bronze medal for placing third overall.

Her team-mate Ruby also had individual success gaining rosettes for placing fourth on bars and fifth on floor. Together with team-mate Daisy, Mia and Ruby they also gained bronze medals for placing third as a team.

In the nine years category, Soffia Kelly and Neave Cummins represented the club.

Soffia powered her way to becoming the vault champion and climbed to the top of the podium again when she became the bar champion.

She gained a third award for placing fifth overall. Neave participated in a four piece competition for the first time and successfully performed a number of new skills and smiled all the way through the competition.

Congratulations to all of the gymnasts and thank you to Karen and Megan for coaching and Sophie for judging.

YMCA Barry Gymnastics club offer fun opportunities for children of all ages in artistic, rhythmic and pre-school gymnastics.

If you would like to find out more information regarding the opportunities available please call 01446 724001.

KD

Dragons are Rising at Tae Kwon Do club

RECENTLY, the ever-growing Rising Dragons Tae Kwon Do club held their first grading.

It was a chance for the students to show what they had learnt over the last six months with patterns, set-sparring, knowledge and free sparring being the focal points tested by chief instructor Jamie Halford, assisted by instructors Bradley Halford, Matthew Bennet and Keita Enfield.

Additional support was given from club Black Belts, Cody Jacobsen, Cian Allen, Jasmine Sullivan, Jake and Daniel Quigley; also helping students prepare in the other room were Jessica Blackley and Lucia Cunningham.

The students had to wait a week to find out the results, where a presentation was held and all students who took part were praised for their performance by the instructors.

The awards for the night were as follows: Sonny Baker 10th Kup, Evie Harvey 10th Kup, Harley Jacobsen 9th Kup, Oakley Allen 9th Kup, Lacey Blackley 8th Kup, Leland Butler 6th Kup, Ella Bedford 5th Kup, Bailey Rees 5th Kup, Riley Rees 5th Kup, Charlie Rogers 4th Kup, Maddison Allen 3rd Kup, Thea Cunningham 3rd Kup, Brooke Baker 2nd Kup, Cameron Evans 1st Kup and Mason Blackley 1st Kup.

Four students were further congratulated on receiving 'A passes' with the inaugural Rising Dragons shield going to Mason Blackley, followed closely by Harley Jacobsen who missed out on a couple of points difference.

For further information on the club, call Joanne Halford on 07921 915559.

JH

Presentation lunch for Brynhill seniors

ON Thursday, November 10, the Brynhill men's senior section held its annual presentation lunch.

The winners were as follows: Marcus Watts Trophy - Mike Dean; Tom Durbin Cup - Steve Hatim; Tony Pateman Cup - Dave Slugg; Seniors Club Champion - Dave Slugg; Senior Pairs - Chris White and Ken Doble; Millennium Cup - Ray Colley; Eclectic Competition - Malcolm Low; Captains Cup - Clive Blake; Player of the Year - Mike Dean.

Many thanks to our caterer Mark for an enjoyable curry lunch.

KD

Bridge results

RESULTS from the Vale of Glamorgan bridge club for November 7:

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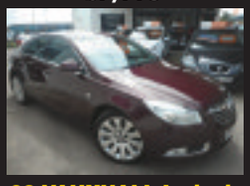

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Barry up to fifth in league after sealing win in Abercynon

A fine all-round performance saw Barry take the spoils in a hard-fought encounter at Abercynon last Saturday by 19 points to 3.

Barry cleverly varied their tactics throughout the game, putting the home team onto the backfoot and forcing them to attack from deep.

The opening 20 minutes were evenly balanced. Both sides were willing to attack but being met by two well-organised defences, they struggled to create try scoring opportunities.

As the second quarter began Barry, with solid ball from the setpiece giving the three quarters time and space, began to get on top and, from a driven lineout opened the scoring as Abercynon conceded a penalty try.

Abercynon threatened on occasion and kept Barry on their guard and, but for some white line fever, may well had made more of the limited opportunities they created.

Neither side could add to the score as the first half came to a close at 7–0.

Abercynon opened the second half trying to achieve some territorial advantage but soon changed after being continuously driven back by some superb line kicking from Barross.

A penalty into the Barry 22 saw Abercynon attack from the lineout, a move Barry appeared to have stopped but the referee had seen an infringement and gave the home side the easiest of penalties to open their account.

Barry launched an attack from a loose ball and made progress down the line where Ryan was impeded. The resultant penalty led to a lineout close to the line.

The first drive was halted but they were not to be denied and the recycled ball found Taylor to crash over the line. With the conversion missed, Barry led 12-3.

The home team were becoming frustrated with the grip that Barry held on the game at this stage.

The odd break out was the only chance that the Barry defence allowed Abercynon, but they were finding it difficult to break the stubborn home defence.

They finally managed this following another huge Barross clearance where they earned a lineout in the 22.

With the ball cleanly taken – as it had been all afternoon – the pack drove to split the defence allowing Evans to cross for the third try, converted by Barross, to put Barry ahead at 19-3 with minutes to go.

The final stages were played out with Barry happily sitting on their lead and continuing to frustrate the home team as they settled for a good win.

More importantly they had achieved it by playing sensible rugby with good tactical awareness, sometimes not the case.

It was good to see captain James Hadfield and prop Tom Hunt return from injury and have some game time.

The win sees Barry move up one place in the table to fifth; their next game is on November 26 when we entertain Old Illtydians with the kick off again at 1.30pm due to the Wales v South Africa game at 5.30pm.

Following the international the club Christmas draw will take place - will those still holding tickets please return monies and counterfoils as soon as possible by leaving them at the bar with Carol.

Last week's lottery numbers were 09, 11, 14 and 18 - again we failed to find a winner, although two were very close; the jackpot this week will be £2,980.

AJ

All pictures by Judith Dutton.

CHESS CLUB'S TRAVEL WOES!

A further two games took place this week for the Barry Chess Club.

Both games were away from home and ended in wins for us making this our best week of the season so far.

On Monday the Gambits made the long journey to Treorchy. Our driver used his newly installed SatNav which took us on all the backroads to avoid any traffic issues but seems to have gone awry when we arrived at Treorchy. It failed to tell us where the White Dragon pub was situated and matters got worse on the return journey - still we did get home safely.

In between these trips we actually played some chess. Ray Denyer on board five won very quickly and now had over two hours to kill.

On board three Dave Mahoney was a piece up early in his game and gave us our second win. Board two was a boring game with neither player threatening to win anything so a draw confirmed we could not lose.

Martin Ricketts on board one turned down a draw. This is normally a bad sign but in this case the game actually ended shorty after as a draw. I believe Martin had the better position but a draw is better than nothing.

This left Ken Curry on board four still playing. He was a piece down but his opponent was in time trouble.

When the flag fell to indicate that the game was over neither player spotted it and played a few moves before they realised Ken had won.

This gave us a 4-1 win. We remain in fourth place but are only separated from second place on tie break.

In division 1 the Bosons also had a long trip to Nelson. The Nelson Rhinos are strong on the top boards but lack the strenth in depth to cover all five boards.

Good wins for Sam Jukes and Ken Hannah supplemented by draws from Dave Parsons and the undefeated Steve Cunliffe gave us a 3-2 win.

This lifts us up a place in the table to eighth. We are still in the relegation spots but our remaining games before we reach the halfway stage are all winnable so all is not lost - yet!

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7.30pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival.

For more details visit our website at http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com.

PHIL JONES

Barry and District Ladies Skittle League results

LATEST results from Barry and District Ladies Skittle League for week commencing October 31 are as follows:

First division: SV Gals (J Richards 34) 319; Cigar Ladies (E Simmons, L Coleman 33) 309; Pila Palas (H Palfrey 35) 331, Bobby's Girls (C Davidson 31) 292; Family & Friends (G Brown 23) 226, Family Affair (S Evans, G Taylor 25) 230; Bakers Dozen (A Hianes 31) 277, Space Finders (A Norman 29) 263; Special Angels (T Jones 28) 250, Red Admiral (G Williams 31) 247; Barry Stars (N Jones 39) 317, Allsorts (H Bunting, R Dawe 33) 324; Coppers (J Ward, S Ford 31) 309, Colcot Ladies (H Edwards 34) 298.

Second division: Castle Bandits (J Grant 24) 228, S V Lights (A Bird 27) 233; Roller Coasters (J Fairweather 25) 207, Castaways (S Billing 23) 214; Cad Con Fillies (C Pearce 22) 224, Fallen Angels (C Stephens 27) 227; After Eights (I Havard 30) 291, Clickies (M Thomas, J Williams 28) 237; Witchill Widows (S Sullivan 35) 335, Merry Makers (G Hawker 32) 307; Rhoose Starlights (K Bryan 30) 271, Airway Angels (L Davies 26) 244.

Third division: Little Devils (S Vidler 27) 240, Etcetera (M Jones 25) 235; Vixens (D Marks 32) 275, Dolly Mixtures (K Rideout, L Marsh 28) 261; Rebels (S Williams 24) 200, Witches (M Allen 23) 191; Rugby Triers (K Brooke 26) 232, La Belles (J Cordy 28) 282; Westenders (T Lambeth 32) 265, Hill Billies (C Whyman 25) 230; Challengers (D Collards 32) 280, Twilights (C Brown 33) 253; Uptown Girls (J Cosslett, J Hawkins 23) 214, SV Ladies (S Humphries 24) 195.

Fourth division: Nite Outers (J Davies, B Lowrie 27) 234, Odd Bods (K Dutton 25) 188; Off The Rails (G Griffiths 27) 250, Liberals (K Palmer, S Boyd 24) 161; Living On A Spare (E McLaggon 30) 301, Persuaders (B Gardner 30) 304; Aristocats (S Morgan, T Weston, M Moore 24) 233, Guardian Angels (D Ling, I Overton 26) 160; Boozy Birds (L Harris 32) 325, Socialites (S Savory 32) 242.

Rhoose's Iwan lands a bronze in Singapore

IWAN BAKER, from Rhoose, returned from the 2016 Commonwealth Senior Wrestling Tournament held in Singapore with a bronze medal.

This was Iwan's first tournament organised directly by the sport's world governing body and his first competing outside Europe.

Arriving in Singapore on Thursday, November 3, the team had two days to fine tune techniques and acclimatise to the time and temperature difference before opening ceremony on the Saturday.

After the weigh-in and medicals Iwan was able to relax and get used to the competition atmosphere on the Saturday as his 61kg weight category did not compete until the Sunday.

Drawn in the top half of the draw, Iwan found himself pitted against the Indian number one and favourite for the competition, Harphool.

Defeat in this bout proved to be a temporary setback as he fought back with two victories in the repecharge section to earn a semi-final fight against the winner of the bottom half of the draw.

This turned out to be another Indian athlete and his opponent's experience proved too much and defeat at this stage left Iwan with a bronze medal.

The event was dominated by India who took a huge delegation of 60 athletes, officials and support staff, but Wales did gain another bronze in the 65kg division thorough Cardiff-based Kane Charig.

After months of hard work and dedication to diet and training, the bronze medal is well deserved.

RB

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The Barry & District League tables and results

CRIB DIVISION 1: Rhoose Social 11, West End 4; West End Runaways 6, Cadoxton Cons 9; Liberals 9, Wyndham Cons 6.

League table: Liberals 70, Wyndham Cons 62, Rhoose Social 60, Cadoxton Cons 57, West End Runaways 53, West End 52, Moors Boys 51.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1: Rugby Club 5, Slammers 2; Cambrian Flyers 5, Allsorts 2; Rhoose Social B 6, Liberals C 1; Barries Boys 5, Sea View B 2; Liberals A 1.5, King William XII 5.5; West End D 6, Rhoose Social C 1; West End C 2, Rhoosters 5.

League table: Rhoose Social B 37, King William XII 36.5, West End D 35, West End C 33.5, Barries Boys 29, Rugby Club 28.5, Rhoosters 27.5, Allsorts 26, Liberals C 24, Rhoose Social A 22.5, Rhoose Social C 21.5, Sea View B 19, Cambrian Flyers 16.5, Slammers 16.5, Liberals A 12.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1: Services Social B 2, Cadoxton Cons B 3; Wyndham Cons A 4, Penarth Cons B 1; Cadoxton Cons Z 4, Rhoose Social C 1; Rhoose Social B 0, Harbour B 5; West End C 0, Savoy A 5.

League table: Savoy A 38, Harbour B 34, Cadoxton Cons Z 28, Cadoxton Cons B 23, Wyndham Cons A 23, Penarth Cons A 19, Rhoose Social B 19, Services Social B 17, Rhoose Social C 16, West End C 14, Penarth Cons B 9.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2: Cadoxton Cons A 4, Sully Sports A 1; Harbour A 2, Wyndham Cons C 3; Liberators 3, West End A 2; Market Street B 2, Market Street C 3; Wyndham Cons D 3, West End B 2.

League table: Liberators 27, Wyndham Cons C 27, Savoy B 26 Harbour A 24, Market Street B 24, Market Street C 24, Cadoxton Cons A 23, West End A 19, Sully Sports A 18, West End B 18, Wyndham Cons D 15 (* = points deducted).

All league and cup fixtures and results at www.barryleagues.co.uk and on Facebook - search for 'barry leagues'.

JW

BARRIVALE BRIDGE CLUB RESULTS

LATEST results from Barrivale Bridge Club for November 8:

1st Mike Best & Sean Macdougall 74.40%; 2nd Kay Dyer & Mick Green 62.50%; 3rd Laura Woodruff & Mike Close 52.98%. Mike Best and Sean Macdougall also won on handicap.

New members are always welcome at Barrivale. A partner may be arranged if required.

If you would like to join us ring 01446 418380 or 01446 733425 or 01446 735592 call at the Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road, Barry on Tuesdays at 7pm.

Alternatively players, inexperienced or new, may attend on Fridays at 10am at the same address.

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The GEM - FLYING THE FLAG FOR WALES!

Pumas caged, but more is now expected against Japan

by DON JOHN

AFTER the previous week's depressingly limp defeat to Australia, the depleted 50,000 crowd at Cardiff's Principality Stadium on Saturday knew that Wales v Argentina, on the sombre occasion of Remembrance, was never going to be a memorable rugby classic.

...And so it turned out, though in fairness, the Welsh camp was focused on one thing only – a win, no matter what – to restore national pride and confidence and get back on track against tough, durable opponents now hardened by combat in the southern hemisphere.

In this respect, and to their credit, they succeeded admirably – answering critics with a much more urgent display that kept the dangerous Pumas caged without completely restraining them – the outcome only finally decided by the reliable boot of full back Leigh Halfpenny, now thankfully recovered from long-term injury and back in his country's colours.

In contrast to the porous defence that had generously given surprised Wallaby runners the freedom of Cardiff and leaked a clutch of tries, this time a more combative, controlled line-up, showing six changes (two enforced) faced up to the physical threat from the outset, led from the front by perennially young match skipper Gethin Jenkins and peerless man-of-the-match Alun Wyn Jones – despite still coping with the sad loss of his father.

Just as in the previous week, the visitors went ahead within minutes of the start through a penalty, but when a second attempt failed, Halfpenny stepped up to equalise and when Argentina were again penalised soon afterwards, he edged Wales ahead (6-3).

A lengthy period of sustained pressure deep in Puma territory saw outstanding wing Liam Williams' brave attempted touchdown in the corner thwarted; and a spate of penalty awards spurned; intense Welsh efforts failing to put further points on the board before halftime – which many feared would prove costly later.

However, the restart saw Wales back on the attack, this time Liam Williams capping a scintillating move wide out, to take Wales into an 11-3 lead – which was almost immediately reduced to a single point with a converted try; only for scrum half Gareth Davies to finally reward Welsh pressure with a try close in, converted by Halfpenny, to make it 18-10.

The seesaw exchanges saw the dogged Pumas twice bring the score back to a one-point deficit with a second converted try and a penalty that took it right down to the wire; but Halfpenny then settled the issue with two accurately-struck place kicks to give Wales a hard-fought 24-20 win, to the obvious relief of the embattled Welsh camp.

However, all the coaches know that welcome though this win was, there can be no taking the foot off the gas in the third home match of the Under Armour autumn series against Japan on Saturday.

While the latter certainly cannot be taken lightly, a similar narrow win over the international 'minnows' may not be enough to ease pressure on Wales to continue to progress, and regain the form that has brought them such glittering success in the Gatland era.

Serbia draw dents World Cup hopes...

Another home draw puts Wales on the back foot in the race for Russia

by GARETH JAMIESON

WHEN many people point to where the revival of Wales' football fortunes took place, most point to the 6-1 mauling received at the hands of Serbia in 2012.

After that drubbing, a result so severe that Chris Coleman (who had been at the helm a mere matter of months) considered quitting his role as manager, Wales turned it round to defeat Scotland in an epic game in the pouring rain of the Cardiff City Stadium.

However, Wales' results post-Scotland were still a mixed bag, the only other win coming in the snow of Hampden Park against the same opposition. The real watershed (in this writer's opinion) came in the 3-0 dismantling by Serbia in Cardiff, nearly a year to the day of that 6-1 drubbing.

A wake-up call both tactically and spiritually, Wales' progress since that night has been incredible, encompassing lengthy unbeaten runs, clean sheets galore and of course qualification for (and making up the last four of) Euro 2016.

It's understandable then that Serbia should be so closely connected to Wales' successes (and failures), the bête noir of recent times. So what better time to face them than with them topping qualifying group D for the 2018 World Cup on seven points, Wales (after the disappointing 1-1 home draw with Georgia) trailing them in third place (behind the Republic of Ireland) on five points.

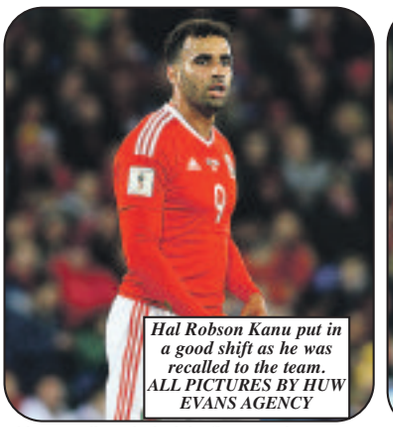
While that Georgia game had seen Wales shorn of Joe Allen and Aaron Ramsey, highlighting the lack of strength in depth, both returned to the starting line-up on Saturday evening, a much-needed boost for a game that was tricky before a ball had even been kicked, and now took on monumental significance after the last round of fixtures (made even more important by the Republic of Ireland's 1-0 win in Austria hours earlier).

Serbia are no pushovers, and their position at the top of the group is not a case of early pacesetters lacking the legs for the race ahead. If Wales had looked at this game and Georgia with the intent of taking four points, the draw last month put added pressure on getting a result (and delivering a performance) against the group leaders.

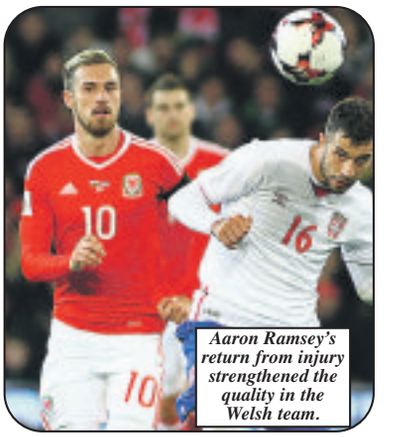
It was pressure that Wales seemed to shrug off in the early stages, Serbia having the ball but few opportunities as tactically-altered Wales, playing with a back four, seemed comfortable marshalling any Serbian attack.

It had all the hallmarks at this early stage of being a scrappy affair, and so it proved until Hal Robson Kanu (recalled to partner Sam Vokes up front in a bold move from Chris Coleman) tirelessly worked an opening for Gareth Bale, and the Real Madrid star fizzed a low drive into the back of the net to give the team a lead that would hopefully settle the nerves.

When Serbia got a foothold they looked capable but rarely dangerous, the more narrow tactics employed by Coleman seeing the men in red stretched at times, while Wales' attacking play, even with two strikers, lacked the finesse and accuracy required to add to the lead.



Hal Robson Kanu put in a good shift as he was recalled to the team. ALL PICTURES BY HUW EVANS AGENCY



Aaron Ramsey's return from injury strengthened the quality in the Welsh team.

Chris Coleman changed his tactics, but couldn't get the vital three points.

As the game wore on it seemed the stage was set for Wales to grab a vital win, and three valuable points, against their nearest rivals in the race for Russia. But in the space of 60 seconds, everything was thrown into disarray. A Welsh attack saw Bale strike again, this time with his right foot, only to see the effort rebound off the post and miss any contact from a Welsh shirt.

The ball found its way upfield, and the ball was crossed in to Newcastle United's Aleksandar Mitrovic, who found space between tiring Welsh defenders to head home off the post and earn Serbia a battling, and not entirely undeserved point that puts a dent in Wales' World Cup hopes.

Four points adrift of leaders Republic of Ireland, Wales must travel to Dublin next March knowing anything less than a win could be the death knell for their qualification dreams, especially since their next game is the return with Serbia.

While not over by a long shot, the pressure is now on a Wales team whose ascent up the rankings, and whose profile has never been bigger, now sees them regarded as a scalp. The plucky Wales of the summer is no more – the team shouldn't just be surprised at any success that comes their way.

Instead they must grasp the responsibility and expectation that comes with being top seeds in the group, the 11th best team in the world – and draws at home to Georgia and Serbia are not the results you would expect from teams in that position.

You could argue there are mitigating circumstances; we weren't at our strongest against Georgia, while Serbia are a far better team than rankings and seedings suggest, but at home these are games that, in order to qualify, we could, and should, have won.

It's ominous to note that of the six remaining games, all but two are away from home, tricky trips to Georgia and Moldova among them, and with wins essential, any wiggle room we may have thought we would have at this stage is gone.

Since the opening win over Moldova, we have drawn three games, but taken the lead in all of them (twice against Austria), highlighting that game management is something that appears to be lacking, while our watertight defence, a hallmark of the qualifying success for European Championships, is now looking a tad leaky, whether we are operating a flat back four or three at the back, and the energy levels of the players appears to be low (unsurprising when certain players have only just returned from injury or aren't getting game time at their clubs).

While these issues are critical in the bigger picture, it's nothing that Chris Coleman, his back room staff and the team themselves won't be unaware of, and will no doubt be seeking to rectify come March.

While Dublin won't be an easy place to go to, Wales should have nothing to fear from Martin O'Neill's men in what will be a closely-fought and pivotal contest in terms of this group.

World Cup qualification isn't over by a long shot – there's plenty of more football to be played and a few twists and turns left in this group – but for Wales, anything but a win in Dublin could be the beginning of the end of our dreams of making it Russia in 2018.

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